In the past fortnight we have sent out letters of welcome to the new Year 7 students and their parents who will be joining us in 2015. We will continue this conversation with them next term via further letters, visits to their primary schools, an information evening and the state-wide Orientation Day in December. It is an exciting time for all involved.

At the same time we look at our Year 12 students nearing the end of their secondary schooling years and wonder where the time has gone. It seems like only yesterday that they too were being welcomed to their new school. Now we look and see young adults working hard and negotiating the range of SACs (School Assessed Coursework) that the VCE places before them.

The upcoming term break is a very important time for these students, a message I am sure will be repeated numerous times by their teachers on Thursday at our parent/teacher interviews. It is a time to revise, to consolidate and gain mastery as they prepare for their exams which are now only a few weeks away.

The parent/teacher interviews themselves are important to students at all year levels. They represent an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss and guide student progress, to recognize achievement, to celebrate effort and to map out future endeavours.

As always, endeavour beyond the traditional classroom setting has also been a focus over the past few weeks. There has been the Year 11 VET Rec Sailing Camp, the Year 9 Taking the Challenge City Experience Camp, there was a Food Technology excursion to the Dandenong Market and Yakult Factory, our Concert Band and Choir completed a performance tour of local primary schools, Year 10 sports leaders coached football at a local kindergarten, VCE Theatre Studies students attended a VCAA prescribed play, some of our Year 10 students attended a Young Leaders Sustainability Conference, this week all our Year 7 students are taking part in the Humanities Active Learning Project ‘Come fly with me’ and last Friday our Year 8 students took part in an exceptionally well planned and well run Drug Education Day. All in all, just a normal fortnight at Warrandyte High School.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
Uniform

As per the guidelines published earlier in the year there will be a two week uniform changeover period at the beginning of Term 4. Students have the option of wearing either their full winter uniform or full summer uniform for the first two weeks of the term depending on the weather. From Monday 20 October all students are required to be in full summer uniform for the remainder of the year.

Year 12 Computer buy back scheme

In the past couple of days all students should have received a notice to bring home regarding the return arrangements for the school laptops they have been in possession of for the past three years. The notice outlines the two different options for the outcome of the netbooks, with a $30 buy back option or arrangements for return of the computer. All students need to have either returned their computer or made the buyback payment to the General Office prior to Monday 10 November.

Students learn best in safe and supportive environments

The health and wellbeing of your child is an important part of their education. When schools and families work together, students feel safer, they’re likely to stay in school longer and they achieve better results. Like you, our schools treat the health and wellbeing of every child as a priority. There are a number of programs you can learn more about below that help your child feel safe, supported and positive. There are also tools to help your child build the skills to be ready for whatever the future holds.

SAFE Minds: Schools and Families Enhancing Minds

Kids need to feel mentally healthy in order to learn, and it’s up to their schools and parents to look out for the signs that suggest they might be having difficulty. SAFE Minds is a program that’s been developed in collaboration with Headspace, Australia’s National Youth Mental Health Foundation. It provides training to parents and teachers on how to recognise the signs that a young person is experiencing mental health issues such as anxiety or depression, and how and when to intervene. SAFE Minds Online uses an immersive, video-based experience, to tell a series of personal stories of children and young people, their families and teachers. There are targeted videos for primary school staff, secondary school staff and parents and carers, which aim to develop knowledge and understanding about the many different forms of emotional distress children and young people may experience, and how these might be presented.


Every Day Counts

It’s so important for your child’s education that they attend school every day. The Every Day Counts resource gives you advice on how to ensure that your child attends school as often as possible and won’t fall behind if they need to miss days.

Learn more:


Get published!

Youth Central, the Victorian government’s website for young people is looking for young Victorians between 16 and 24 who want to get their ideas articles and interviews published online.

Once you’ve had two guest reporter articles published on Youth Central you are eligible to join the official Youth Central Roving Reporter for six months,

Roving reporters are paid to cover events and issues on behalf of Youth Central as well as coming up with their own ideas for articles and interviews that they wish to write. Roving reporters receive hands-on editorial guidance and one-to-one mentoring in all aspects of freelance journalism, from developing ideas to perfecting their writing skills.

Grades of the Youth Central Roving Reporter program have gone on to careers in radio, publishing, online communications and social media strategy.

To find out more about the Get Published program, visit www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/getpublished

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If you need any further information about the Get Published program, please feel free to contact youthcentral@dhs.vic.gov.au.

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Divisional Athletics

It proved to be a day of extremely difficult conditions for athletics. Students battled the rain, hail and cold conditions and coped extremely well.

From our small division team, compared to many other schools, we had a number of third places which was excellent. We had three students win their event to make it through to the EMR Finals on 10 October at Knox. Shaun Mundell in Year 7 won the Javelin, Connor Martin also in Year 7 won his discus event and Taylor Padfield of Year 11 won the Under 17 girls’ Triple Jump.

Congratulations to all students who took part, and best wishes to those students in the next round.

Year 7 Sport Ed in Term 3 involved Hockey and Volleyball. The boy’s and girl’s hockey teams both went out to the hockey centre in Hawthorn on Wednesday.

Students found it difficult to control the small ball with only a stick but their skills and game experience grew throughout the day. The boys, despite their energy, perseverance and positive mindset lost their games against some extremely confident opposition. In the girl’s competition, we really put up a good fight, losing one game in the final minute, drawing a game and then finally winning a game.

World Challenge Fundraising

The World Challenge team have been working really hard over the last month to raise money for the group project they will be undertaking while they are in Borneo in November this year. All the money raised for this will go to the community they will be living with, either through resources to complete the actual project or through items such as sporting equipment and educational supplies that they can also purchase with the money depending on the needs of the community.

Many of you will have seen the team at the Warrandyte Market on the 5th of September where they had a cake stall. They raised close to $900 from the generosity of the Warrandyte community. A big thankyou to all those people who donated cakes to sell or came along and bought some of the yummy things on offer. This weekend at Mitre 10 in Diamond Creek the group also had a sausage sizzle and raffle. It was a little quiet due to a clash with the Diamond Creek Fair but every little bit of money counts.

The group’s next fundraising event will be a sausage sizzle at the Warrandyte IGA on Sunday 5th October. This is the last Sunday of the school holidays. So if you want to support the team, come down and buy a sausage.

Stay tuned for more information on the teams fundraising efforts and remember to sign up for the shopping tour!

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

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.

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

Ben Willis, Bec Smith,
Tayla Jennings
Year 10 Students
The Young Leaders Sustainability Conference was held at Currawong Bush Park on 12 September 2014 by the Manningham City Council. The conference gave a unique opportunity for Secondary and Primary school students in Manningham Council schools to connect and explore sustainability in an open, supportive environment. This event further encouraged students to teach, learn and become part of the sustainability solution.

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Sunil Behanan
Step Up Teacher

Junior Band Day scheduled by the region has been moved forward to Friday 21 November for Junior Band Instrumental students from Year 7.

Midyear year 7 and 8 woodwind intake term 3 was successful with three new flute students and one new sax student. This rekindled some existing Year 7 saxophonists that had begun to miss junior band rehearsals.

The Primary School Tour was very successful. There was a combination of Junior and Symphonic band members that formed a combined concert band. They also performed specific pieces from their own repertoire. The seventeen member choir all went along and performed a pitch perfect a cappella medley with body percussion. They also prepared a special piece from Frozen, ‘Let It Go’ with choreographed hand movements they had instructed the children to join in with over the famous chorus. The Year 9 Choir leaders also performed an excerpt of Beyonce’s ‘I’m a Survivor’.

Music Captain applications for 2015 have been submitted and the selection process will occur early next term.

Our Annual Music Concert is scheduled for the third week of term 4, Tuesday 21 October from 7pm. There will be a very productive ALL DAY rehearsal with respective Ensemble Directors on the prior Monday. Music Awards will be announced on the night.

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader
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.

Cheryl Hart
Canteen Leader

PANTON HILL CRICKET CLUB

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

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.

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

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

Amount paying: $ Cash Cheque

Please dedit my Mastercard VISA

Card Number Expiry

Cardholder’s Name Signature

Daily Specials
@ $5.00
Ordering would be appreciated

Monday
Chilli Chicken Sub or Tandoori Wrap

Tuesday
Chicken Burger, Meatball Sub or Spaghetti Bolognaise

Wednesday
Fried Rice or Hot Dog, Cheese & Sauce

Thursday
Chicken Schnitzel, Nachos Box

Friday
Souvlaki – Chicken or Lamb or Fish & Wedges

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 we are seeking someone who can come in on a Friday whether it be every week or just occasionally.

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