Our Year 12 students completed their last day of classes on Thursday 16 October with the next day being their Celebration Day. The day featured fancy dress, games and a student assembly. The behaviour of our students was outstanding as they celebrated with staff their six years of secondary schooling. A big thank you to the senior school team, for all their hard work on the day. The team included Chantelle Davies, Cinzia Sakellaris, Amanda Silipo and Leigh Thomson, headed up by Kelleigh Lamb. Thanks also goes out to all the teachers who got into the spirit of the day and dressed up in school uniform to help the students celebrate.

The VCE exams have now commenced and we wish all our students well, knowing they are thoroughly prepared and have worked hard throughout the year. We now look forward to seeing them as the Class of 2014 at the Valedictory Dinner on Tuesday 18 November.

VCE Art Show

On Thursday this week, it is the VCE Arts students who will take centre stage when their work is displayed at our VCE Art Show. The Art Show will be held at the school from 6pm until 8pm on Thursday 30 October. The venue is the DLC and it is open to the public. This is a night not to be missed so make sure it goes into your diary.

Student Free Day: Monday 3 November

Finally I would like to remind parents that next Monday, 3 November, is a Curriculum Day for staff at Warrandyte High School. All staff will be involved in professional development activities throughout the day. There will be no student classes and no facility for student supervision.

Stephen Parkin
Principal
Annual Music Concert
The Annual Music Concert, held last week, was once again a wonderful evening, showcasing a broad range of musical styles including classical, samba, jazz and rock. The performances of our Year 12 Music students were a particular highlight as they displayed the fruits of their hard work throughout the year.

Exams
Following the success of Celebration Day and the farewelling of the Year 12 students VCE staff and student attention has turned to exams. The first VCAA exam will be in the Warrandyte High School Theatre on Wednesday 29 October with English and EAL. Students are reminded to arrive for their exams at least 20 minutes prior to the published start time in order to be marked off the roll, have materials checked and allow the exam to start on time. The final Year 12 exam at Warrandyte High will be on Tuesday 18 November with VET Music Production.

Year 11 exams will commence on Wednesday 12 November and Year 10 exams on Thursday 20 November. More information regarding these exams, as well as the upcoming VCE transition program will appear in a later addition of the Gang Gang.

Date Correction
In the last edition of the Gang Gang an incorrect date for the final Year 11 assembly was published. The correct date is Monday 8 December not Monday 1 December. I apologise if this has caused any confusion.

C.A.S Hawker Scholarships
The 2015 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on Monday 8 December 2014 and close on Friday 2 January 2015.

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over three years.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at www.hawkerscholarship.org or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected statesmen.

The scholarships are available to all Australian students. The majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university study.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions.

VCE Art Show
Everyone is cordially invited to come along to see the brilliant artworks our students from the VCE classes have created.

There are paintings, photography, sculptures, wood pieces, jewellery pieces and much more.

You will not be disappointed!

Anita Petrik, Heather Dale, Deborah Bradbury and Broderick Ashmole
The Art Team

Music Awards – Congratulations to the following students
Year 7 Encouragement awards, CHARLOTTE STARK & BETHANY CUMMINGS
Best Junior School Bands Person, LIAM GOLBURG
Best Senior School Bands person KOCELYN BARKER
Music Captains for 2015 JOCELYN BARKER & JACKSON PRICE

Kal Stavropoulos
Music Leader

Careers News
Each year the VET in Schools awards night is held to highlight the outstanding efforts and achievements of all students in that year. This year it was held on October 14 at Waverley Christian College. Nominations for the top students in each course are acknowledged and awarded for their efforts. This year Warrandyte High School had two students represented at the awards night and we want to congratulate Hayley Wilson Rowell for her nomination for VET Community Services and Tylar Findlay for being the overall winner of VET Equine Studies. Congratulations to the girls and to all our VET students for your hard work you have put in for 2014.

Amanda Silipo
Careers Leader
Fire in Warrandyte – Are You Ready?

Warrandyte Bushfire Scenario Event
30 Oct 2014

In February this year, bushfire disaster hit Warrandyte. Three homes were lost, fortunately no lives. It didn’t ‘come from the north’.

What will you do when another fire breaks out in Warrandyte?

If your plan is to go will you actually leave early or wait and see? Where will you go? Which way will you go? Have all the family talked it through? What if something unexpected happens? Have you a plan B, C…..?

These and other possible situations and questions will be posed to residents at the next ‘Are You Ready? – Bushfire Scenario Planning Workshop’. It will be facilitated by Steve Pascoe, an Emergency Management and Fire Safety Consultant, and convened by Joff Manders, former Commander in the MFB, for the Warrandyte Community Association’s ‘Be Ready Warrandyte’ campaign.

Expert advice will also be available from representatives of the following emergency services:

• CFA
• Victoria Police
• Parks Victoria
• Department of Environment and Primary Industry

Event Details:
When: Thursday 30 October
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Where: Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra St, Warrandyte
Cost: Free, but gold coin donations will be accepted
Register: Contact Kim Humphris on 9844 5855 or info@warrandyte.org.au
**Public Announcements**

**2014 Eltham Town Festival**
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November
Alistair Knox Park, Eltham

'Have a Go' at all the activities on the Eltham Oval from 10am – 4.30pm

**Kalinda Twilight Market**
Friday 14th November
5pm – 8pm

Stalls include:
- Art & Craft
- Face Painting
- Hot Food Stalls
- Fairy Floss
- Lucky Jars
- Grocery Grab
- Home Made Goods
- And lots of other stalls.

Kalinda Primary School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood
Enquiries: 9876 3289

[Links to elthamfestival.org.au and kalindaprices.com.au]