



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 18 November

Year 12 Valedictory at Karralyka

Thursday 19 November

Year 10 Exams

Monday 23 November

Year 11 (2016) Transition through to Friday 4 December

Monday 23 November

Year 12 (2016) Transition through to Friday 27 November

Saturday 28 November

GVBR leaves

Did you know that a Gang Gang invented the longitudinal preen with double beak twist?



Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:
Tylar Finlay and Ben Willis

Congratulations Joe Caruana



It is with great pleasure that I formally announce that Joe Caruana has been appointed to the substantive Assistant Principal position at Warrandyte High School. Joe has been the Acting Assistant Principal since mid-August this year. In early September the substantive job was advertised state wide with the short-listing and interview process completed in October. In addition to the selection panel comprised of me, a member of our school's teaching staff and a principal from another school, the applicants were also interviewed by a student panel comprised of this year's School Captains, Jessie Thomas-Connor and Hugh Prescott, and next year's School Captains, Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis. The students undertook their task with maturity and great insight and their input into the final decision was very valuable. Joe has already shown himself to be a great acquisition to the school. He has quickly built a strong rapport with the students and staff of Warrandyte High School and made significant contributions to the implementation of our new Curiosity and Powerful Learning instructional model. I know I speak for the whole Warrandyte High School community when I say I look forward with excitement to working closely with him over the ensuing years.

Principal for the Day

Ms Chen is the Principal of Xinghai Experimental Middle School. This is our Sister School in China. It is a progressive and well-funded school of approximately 4000 students in the Suzhou Industry Park, Jiangsu. Ms Chen was in Melbourne for the annual Victoria/Jiangsu Principals Forum. On Tuesday 10 November she visited Warrandyte High School where she was Principal for the Day. Continue reading below for some very exciting news!

Young Leaders to China Program

Hold onto your hats! The school has just received official word that we have been successful with our application to be accepted into the Young Leaders to China Program. This means 15 of our current Year 8 students are off to China for six weeks next year in September/October. The trip will include a four week visit to our Sister School, Xinghai Experimental Middle School. This news arrived just in time as Ms Chen's visit enabled our participating students to not only celebrate this exciting news with her, but it also gave them the opportunity to ask her about the kinds of experiences they will have when they visit China next year.

Year 12 Celebration Day

Our Year 12 students completed their last day of classes on Thursday 15 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 thankyou to the senior school team; Kelleigh Lamb, Chantelle Wilson and Farah Zakharia, for all their hard work on the day, and thanks also to all the teachers who got into the spirit of the day 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 2015 at the Valedictory Dinner on Tuesday 17 November.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

VCE Arts Exhibition

The Warrandyte High School annual Art Show officially opened on October 29. A plethora of imaginative and refreshing art work as well as a collection of sophisticated design work adorned the Doig Learning Centre at Warrandyte High School. The artists and designers are 2015 Warrandyte High School VCE students of Studio Arts, Product Design & Technology, Visual Communication & Design and Interactive Digital Media.

A gallery atmosphere was created complete with external sculptures, textiles and paintings amongst the attractions. Adding to the magic were large scale installations, photography, digital and video imagery. New to Warrandyte High School, the maturity, originality and sophistication of the VCE students' work which was exhibited created an indelibly positive impression. The aesthetic qualities employed coupled with the cosmopolitan design of some of the pieces highlighted the excellent execution of processes undertaken by the students.

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, Principal, Dr Stephen Parkin,

declared the 2015 show as "spectacular." To the students of 2016 we look forward to the mesmerising work you will generate – the bar has certainly been set very high!

Year 8 Italian Day

On October 29, the Year 8s enjoyed a full day of Italian culture, language and food at the Venuto Club. Bocce, soccer, pasta making and pasta/pizza eating all featured in our fun filled day. Indubbiamente i nostri student sono stati bravissimi

Curiosity and Powerful Learning

A school wide peer observation program is gaining momentum over the next 5 week period! The excitement! As professional development is a high priority, students will soon see that teachers observing teachers is simply a part of the everyday fabric of life at Warrandyte High School. Indeed research indicates that teachers learning from teachers; teachers giving feedback to teachers in a non-judgemental way brings about rich rewards! Through which lens will teachers be observing teachers during our 5 week cycle of inquiry period? Watch this space!

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal

Hello Everyone

I am sorry I haven't written to you for a while.

I have returned to the care of Jill and her family and completed my second lot of six weeks rehab.

My last visit to the Vet revealed that I am healing very well but still need to take it easy. My medication for healing can now stop and in a couple of weeks I will return to the Vet so she can see how I walk without any medication inside of me.

Unfortunately the Vet has revealed that due to the type of surgery I have had I can no longer remain within the Guide Dog Program. Once the Vet gives me the all clear from the surgery and signs me off her books she will let the Advisory Team know. This team will then commence the process for my reclassification to a pet.



Working Bee in Readiness for our Art Show

In readiness for our annual VCE 'The Arts' exhibition we had a team of hardworking parents, students and staff move furniture, cleaning down walls, mulch gardens and paint tables. A big thank you to Robyn Wallace, Kellie Mortlock, Stephanie Mortlock, Nic Dodds, Kerrie Dodds, Ben Dodds, Emma Dodds, Gary Foster, Stephen Dale, Heather Dale, Joe Caruana and Stephen Parkin.



I have trained really hard over the last year and have just started to do all the right things when I go into supermarkets, hospitals, restaurants, medical centres and shops in general without being prompted or receiving treats. Unfortunately due to my operation and the length of my rehabilitation I have missed so much of my training. There is also no guarantee that I will not have any problems in the future. Consequently not the criteria a Guide Dog should have.

I hope to become Jill's pet when I get reclassified.

Thank you to all those who visit me and have been concerned about me.

Quinn

Rotary Club of Warrandyte/ Donvale

We thank Rotary for all their great support of our school. Please read below two great programs that they fund and allow our students to participate in.

Four Way Speaking Contest

This year Vivien Todd represented Warrandyte High School in the Year 10 Rotary Four Way Speaking Competition. Vivien won her way through the heat and semi-final competitions to earn a well-deserved place in the grand final which was held Tuesday evening. With the added pressure of being the first competitor of the evening, Vivien gave it her all with a speech about 'Palm Oil' and the eradication of the Orangutans and their forest. Well done Vivien.



RYPEN Camp



In September we were invited to the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN). This camp took place over three days - and we absolutely loved it. On arrival we were placed into our colour groups and we were assigned our cabins. After a quick afternoon snack we started bonding as a group, creating our flags and making friends. That night, right after dinner, the RYPEN carnival was held with various mini-games being on offer. It was lots of fun and many laughs were shared and memories were made.

The following day we began the Amazing Race. This was full of games and activities that placed groups against groups, with lots of a light-hearted competitiveness involved. After that we ate our dinner and started our dance party, with the theme being 'What did I want to do when I was 5?'

The next day was sadly our last but we weren't done with yet. After breakfast we made our way to the Reptile room, full with snakes and bearded dragons!

We all then returned to the dining room for our final goodbyes. This experience has made us better people, with new friends and a new lease on life. The RYPEN camp was inspirational and we would recommend it to anyone

Ben Davies and Darcy Pool
Year 9 Students

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant



VET Rec work with the Kinglake Wilderness Camp

What a day! Our Year 10 VET Rec group ran an outdoor Recreation day for the Year 6's at the wilderness camp. It was certainly a demanding day! The students did not stop until the 40 Year 6's were on the bus travelling back to their primary school. Despite being a challenge our students took the responsibility, worked as teams and created an active, all inspiring program of trust, team building and initiative games.

Feedback from the outdoor recreation staff was of the highest order you could expect; extremely positive generating further enthusiasm for work in this industry.

Well done to the VET Rec students and I look forward to our next challenge.

EMR Hockey - This year we have really been working hard at increasing our hockey skills and knowledge of the game. For the first time we have had two teams win the division and progress to the Regional rounds.

Intermediate Girls Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hockey Finals

On Tuesday 13 October I had the great pleasure of taking the Intermediate Girls Hockey team to compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals. At the divisional competition the girls easily took care of their opposition winning their one and only game 3 - 0 for which the ball never went into our defensive half. The girls knew the competition would be a step up at the regional finals and as a result trained hard during lunchtimes to further develop their skills and also work on positional plays to further enhance their knowledge and confidence (as many of the girls had not played competitive hockey before).

On the day the girls were ably lead by Lydia Phelan and Andi Fidock and took to the field with a positive mindset that if they worked as a team, supported each other and took the challenge head on they would have some success. Some success they definitely had. The first game the girls played was against Lilydale High School. The girls started off





well keeping the ball in our offensive half and keeping Lilydale having to play very defensively. Our first goal came from Lydia which started the scoring run. Soon after Phoebe put some great defensive pressure on causing a turn over where she dribbled the ball half the field before smacking it into the goals. The girls went into half time 2-0 up and full of confidence.

Again the second half was played completely in our offensive half with some great team goals with the final result being 5-0. The girls only had a short break before their second game against Mount Waverley. The girls knew this game was going to be tougher (as they had beaten Lilydale in their first game 19 – 0) however they still strongly believed with tight defence, strong teamwork and being positive and aggressive in offence they stood a good chance. The girls did an amazing job taking it up to Mount Waverley. This game was played equally on both sides of the half with our girls defending hard and pushing forwards in offence. Just before halftime Mount Waverly got one past our backline and even with Fynn (our goalie) diving for it we were unable to make it stop. This however did not dampen the girls and at half time they remained extremely positive.

Starting the second half with a new strategy and rearrangement of positions the girls did an exceptional job with a lot of the initial play being done within our offensive half. During this time there were multiple scoring opportunities that unfortunately for us were saved at the last minute. Whilst Mount Waverley managed to get another lucky goal to the girls' credit they never let their heads down and kept fighting till the end. Whilst the girls' may not have come away being the EMR finalists it was amazing to see the leadership, sportsmanship and development of the girls over the course of the day. Congratulations goes to all team members; Chelsea Black, Elaine Burdett, Lauren Eadie, Andi Fidock, Fynn Groves, Phoebe Joy, Eilish Kelly, Natalie Larner, Lydia Phelan, Georgia Siddall, Rachel Sullivan and Greer Wade. I look forward to continuing to work with these girls in the coming years to continue to develop their skills and hopefully have more success.

The Year 8 boys' team went out and played 3 games. They won their first two games which was excellent and certainly increased their growth mindset. This meant they progressed to the final on the day with the winning team of that match going to the state finals. Unfortunately the boys were caught by a couple of quick goals. They continued to

play hard for the remainder of the game, but could not pull the score back. Well done to all players certainly putting hockey on the map for WHS!

Well done Taylor



Taylor Padfield won the gold medal for the State Athletic Championships in the event of Triple Jump. This is an outstanding event that Taylor has been working so hard at for the last few years. Taylor has always come in the top four at state, and now in Year 12 managed to pull out the big win. We are extremely proud of your efforts Taylor!

**Clare Rayner
Sport Leader**

**Congratulations
Jocelyn Barker**

VCE student Jocelyn Barker was awarded FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR for Research Fire Brigade at the Annual Dinner & Service Awards night.

Jocelyn has been a dedicated and active member of the Research CFA since her 16th Birthday and has attended 64 call outs in just the last 12 months. She is currently undergoing BA Training (Breathing Apparatus) which qualifies her to attend house and structure fires.

Jocelyn was also on scene fighting fires at Warrandyte last fire season. Well done Jocelyn, we are extremely proud of you!





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CRAIG LAPSLEY
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSIONER

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A one day workshop for parents/caregivers of adolescents who behave violently, aggressively and/or challenging at home:

Ways to improve and develop your relationship your adolescent discussed with a focus on communication styles, safety, adolescent development, strategies to address behaviours and self-care.

Tuesday 10 November 9:30am – 4:30pm
677 The Boulevard Eaglemont
Berry Street Northern Head office
contact: 9450 4700

Matters Family Therapy Team
 please note final workshop for 2015

White Ribbon Event 2015
 Tuesday 24 November, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
 Manningham Civic Centre, Function Rooms, 699 Doncaster Road Doncaster

Do you believe women with disabilities have the right to be safe from men's violence, be listened to and supported when they report violence?

I BELIEVE

Then join us for an engaging White Ribbon Event to learn about the impacts of violence against women who have a disability, and become inspired to take action to stop violence against women.

Comedian, writer and performer Kally Parry will facilitate this event, which will be opened by the Mayor followed by keynote presentations from:

- Jackie Brown – Speaker Advocate
- Liz Dearn – Office of Public Advocate
- Inspector Geoff Darlison – Victoria Police (White Ribbon Ambassador)
- Sue Rosenhain – Women's Health East
- Stephen O' Malley – Metropolitan Fire Brigade (White Ribbon Ambassador)
- Leonia Cleary – Department of Health and Human Services

There will be an opportunity to network over lunch and sign the Manningham Declaration – Supporting Women with a Disability to be Free from Violence.

This is a free event, however bookings are essential.
 To register, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/white-ribbon

RSVP by Wednesday 18 November and please advise if you have any dietary requirements.

For further information, please contact Council's Community Safety Officer Anissa Gracie on 9840 9330 or email anissa.gracie@manningham.vic.gov.au

Council would like to acknowledge Oneida, Victoria Police, Women with Disabilities Victoria, DanCare, Women's Health East, FEAL and Manningham YMCA, for their contribution, and thank the participants of the Peace Path Workshop conducted at Oneida who have created the "I believe" logo.

In support of
 Australia's campaign to stop violence against women
White Ribbon

 