



Gang Gang

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Welcome to the last edition of Gang Gang for 2014. We are now well into December and the end of the school year is almost upon us. Planning for next year is nearing completion, classroom activities are winding down, the new Grade 6 students have been welcomed, Year 12 students have been bid farewell and we are celebrating the achievements of our students at our final Year Level Assemblies.

We are also farewelling Amanda Silipo and Luana Salvitti whose career paths are taking them to other schools, Ludovica Lanini who is returning to Italy and Julie Giacoppo and Karen Paul who have been providing outstanding service to staff and students in the school canteen for many years. Cinzia Sakellaris and Kal Stavropoulos will also be on leave for 2015. We wish our departing staff all the best for the future.

New staff appointments are still being finalised and will be announced in the new year.

To our Year 12 students who will be receiving their VCE results on Monday, I have my fingers crossed for each and every one of you. I know you have put in the hard work and I am confident that this will be reflected in your final results. Ms Silipo, our Careers Leader, will be available at school for any students who wish to discuss their options once their results are known.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that you all return from the holiday break refreshed for the year ahead.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

From the Principal

Diary Dates

DECEMBER

Friday 12th December

Year 10 Final Assembly at 9.30am
Year 9 Final Assembly at 2pm

Monday 15th December

Year 7 & 8 Final Assembly at 9.30am

Tuesday 16th December

Year 7, 8 & 9 Activity Day bike ride or walk
Warrandyte High School Awards Evening

Friday 19th December

Last day Term 4 2014

2015

Friday 30th January

First day of term for Year 7 (normal day)
VCE students to attend from 1:40 pm

Monday 2nd February

All students to attend

Arrangements for the end of the year

With the weather warming up and Christmas fast approaching the end of the year is almost here. The arrangements for the last week of term for Years 7 and 8 have been finalised and are listed below.

	Year 7 & 8
Monday 15th December	Period 1 & 2 – Final Year 7 & 8 Assembly (starts at 9:30am)* Periods 3 – 6 - Activities
Tuesday 16th December	Activity Day – two options provided: • Bike Ride to Southbank • Walk to Lower Eltham Park Forms to be returned to the General Office indicating your student's choice of activity.
Wednesday 17th December	Activities Day
Thursday 18th December	Clean-up day
Friday 19th December	Final day of school

*Students wanting to leave following the final assembly on Monday morning need to be signed out by a parent or guardian. Alternatively a note can be provided to allow a student to be signed out by another adult. Students will not be permitted to go home unaccompanied.

If your child does not intend to come during Activities week a note from home needs to be provided either to the General Office or via the Compass Parent Portal.

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Pamela Dunstall

School Captains:
Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

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From the Assistant Principal

Re-enrolment packages and arrangements for the first day of school for 2015.

All parents should have received an enrolment package by now which contains a large amount of information regarding re-enrolment at Warrandyte High School for next year. These forms need to be returned to the office along with School Levies as soon as you are able.

The package also contains information regarding the students first days of school for 2015. The arrangements are as follows:

Year 7

- Students are to attend on Friday 30 January. Students are to assemble in the Amphitheatre at 9am

VCE

- All students completing a VCE subject are to attend a compulsory meeting at the beginning of Period 5. Students must be in full school uniform.

Clare Rayner – Winner of Outstanding Program Delivery (Duke of Edinburgh)



On Saturday 6th December I had the pleasure of attending the Duke of Edinburgh Gala Awards Night where Clare was a finalist in recognition for the excellence in the introduction of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at Warrandyte High School this year. The night was filled with music, entertainment, fun, auctions and raffles, a great meal and a celebratory atmosphere.

Clare was up against some very tough competition however was deservably announced as the winner of the Outstanding Program Delivery Award. This award recognised the tireless dedication, positive influence and integral role and support she provided to the Warrandyte High School Bronze Awardees. From lending an ear for feedback and advice, an eye for checking over the pages of countless record books, organizing multiple fundraising events and group challenge activities, to lending a shoulder for when those Adventurous Journey backpacks got too heavy whilst hiking the Cathedral Rangers, it was her commitment and dedication to youth development that made the Duke of Ed so successful in 2014 and. We hope many of the students continue with the Silver Award in 2015!

Congratulations Clare! You are a very deserving winner and all members of the Warrandyte Community are very proud of efforts!

Katie Cook
PE/Health Leader

Years 8-10

Classes will commence on Monday 2 February. Assembly locations will be as follows:

- Year 8 – Gym
- Year 9 – DLC
- Year 10 – Theatre

Wishing you all a very safe and happy new year. I am looking forward to a productive and successful 2015 for all students.

Pamela Dunstall
Assistant Principal

Great Vic Bike Ride

Tough! This was probably the best word to use for this year's Great Victorian Bike Ride. However, with the tough terrain and conditions came some outstanding individual and team efforts. Our crew were nothing short of amazing. Warrandyte students worked exceptionally well to make sure that campsites and tents were erected before each day's watery deluge. Our experienced students, past students and parents were vigilant in their attempt to help our fledgling riders get through this very challenging year. The route was spectacular, taking in some of Victoria's most beautiful scenery. The Black Spur and Tawonga Gap were inspiring, not only for their beauty but for their immense difficulty. Milestones such as completing 100km in a day, getting saturated and hailed upon and still needing to complete the stage, concentrating while descending down mountainsides were all a part and parcel of the achievements of our team. Our staff were extremely proud of our students and cannot wait to tackle next year's challenges.

Ante Sunjo



In three weeks, I'll be back in the Northern Hemisphere and being very jealous of your famous hot summer. Before leaving, I would like to thank you for housing me in the school newsletter and maybe for reading my articles. I would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, well deserved, holiday. If you want to try something different, you can opt for some of the Italian Christmas traditions. For example:

playing TOMBOLA (worldwide known as 'Bingo', but in fact invented in Italy in the 16th Century), SETTE E MEZZO and MERCANTE IN FIERA (card games) until late in the night, and rigorously with money;

eating huge quantities of PANETTONE, PANDORO and TORRONE (typical sweets) every day for two weeks, roughly from the 22th December to the 6th January (not properly healthy, but worth it);

setting up a PRESEPIO (Nativity miniature) in your house (this should be done on the 8th of December, but procrastinating is ok, and also quite traditional in most of the families). Remember not to put the figure for Baby Jesus: the manger should be left empty until midnight on Christmas Eve, when Jesus arrives;

On New Year's Eve, wearing red underwear (it will bring you luck), eating lentils (they will bring you money, but only if you eat them after midnight) and throwing away all the old stuff you don't need anymore (this will assure you change and rebirth in the New Year). The proper tradition was to toss the old items directly out of the window, but, not surprisingly, it's not practised anymore. If you want to be really traditional, you can still try, but having a look outside on the street, before throwing, can be a good suggestion.

Celebrating the EPIFANIA (Epiphany) on the 6th January: if you leave some stockings in the kitchen the night before, an old woman flying on a broom, called LA BEFANA, will fill them with sweets, nuts and gifts. But be careful, if you have been naughty during the year, you will receive nothing but coal!

This year, by the way, no PANETTONE nor PRESEPIO for me, I am going to celebrate Christmas on the beach!

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti!

Ludovica Lanini
Italian Assistant

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers over the years for the time you have given to the school community helping out in the Canteen.

Merry Christmas to all.

Cheryl, Julie and Karen

Upcoming Event – Run Warrandyte Sunday 1 March 2015

This local fun run provides a number of ways for the whole family to participate with running events covering all ages and distances. There's the kids oval dash, 2.25km, 4km, 8km and 12km distances to choose from. All proceeds go to support our local football, junior football, netball and cricket clubs.

For more information and to register visit www.warrandytesports.com.au

Open Night: Our Music Department was well represented on Open Night. We had a Percussion Quartet jamming on the Theatre Loading Bay greeting families with exotic rhythms on the way into our car park. Jocelyn Barker was playing her favourite Piano Forte pieces in the Theatre as families were entering for our Principal's address. Our Symphonic Band, conducted by Mr Maillardet, played Rock Around The Clock for the families in the Theatre followed with Jackson Price playing some Jazz VCE pieces in the Amphitheatre. Our Choir held an open live rehearsal in the Music Classroom, parents were inspired by the display of intrinsic motivation and independent learning by the Choir.

Midyear year 7 and 8 woodwind intake term 3 was successful with 3 new flute and 1 new sax player. This rekindled some existing year 7 saxophonists that had begun to miss junior band rehearsals

Warrandyte Festival: Our Music Department presented three ensembles this year at Warrandyte Festival. Our Choir opened the show with a Lorde song Royal. This was followed

by the Symphonic band who performed an original called So Funky followed by a Peer Gynt Medley then concluded with Bill Hayley's Rock Around The Clock. I had the privilege of conducting again this year and really appreciated the development of the band's unity and confidence. We concluded a set featuring our VCE music guitarist Jackson Price with a number by Jo Satriani solo, All Of Me, All Of You. Congratulations to our school's rhythm section for supporting Jack, on drums student Sorin Maryasin and I played bass.

Primary School Tour: was very successful. A combination of Junior and Symphonic

band members formed a combined concert band. They also performed specific pieces from their own repertoire. Our 17 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 encouraging the children to join in. The year 9 choir leaders also performed an excerpt of Beyonce's 'I'm a survivor'.

Our Annual Music Concert was in the third week of term 4, and was a huge success. The Monday before was a very productive all day rehearsal with respective Ensemble Directors. This year included a number of eclectic VCE Music Investigation and Music Performance pieces. From Classical and Contemporary Piano by the Barker sisters, Jocelyn and Dee; an original composition self-accompanied by Max Clear on Voice and Guitar; an acoustic finger picking guitar piece from the Wizard of Oz 'If I only had a brain by Jack Price and a couple of Avant-guard Beatles renditions, While my guitar gently Weeps and Hey Jude by Kelly Miller accompanied by Chloe Abela on Bass & Percussion and I on Guitar, Keys and voice

Music Awards announced: Congratulations Liam Goldberg selected for best Junior High Bands person for 2014, and Jocelyn Barker best Senior bands person 2014.

Music Captains for 2015 are Jocelyn Barker and Jackson Price

New Piano for classroom and senior piano students

Annual Music Camp CD 2014 has been distributed to most students (there are still a few in the music office for pick up.) Another excellent compilation from dedicated music students.

Sincerely yours,
Kal Stavropoulos

Put it in your diary!! 2015 Trivia Night – Saturday March 14th - Hollywood Comes to Warrandyte

It's a fun filled night full of movie trivia, clips and games. Come dressed as your favourite movie character or just for the Oscar "Night of Nights". Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Table.

The reigning champions, Science/Technology Teachers have decided to call it a day and will be running the Trivia part of our major fund raising event. So here's a chance to assemble your table of trivia wizzes and take off the major award of the night – The Trivia Grand Champions.

Watch this space for more details and a few questions to get you thinking!

- Which 2014 blockbuster featured Katniss Everdeen?
- Excluding "the", which word appears most frequently in James Bond movies?
- In 1906, which country made the first feature film?

Warrandyte Parent Association

Answers:

- The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1
- Never
- Australia - The Story of the Kelly Gang

Warrandyte High 2015 Trivia Night

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