



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

MARCH

Monday 7 March

Year 7 Camp Adanac

Tuesday 8 March

Year 7 Camp Adanac

Wednesday 9 March

Year 7 Camp Adanac

Thursday 10 March

Twilight Working Bee, 5pm – 7pm
Division Swimming

Tuesday 15 March

Year 8 Sport Day

Thursday 17 March

OPEN NIGHT 4pm - 8pm (Normal classes will not be held on this day)

Friday 18 March

Senior Boys Tennis

Saturday 19 March

Warrandyte Festival

Sunday 20 March

Warrandyte Festival



Warrandyte High School Open Night – Thursday 17 March

4.00 - 6.00pm School Tours
6.15 - 6.45pm Information Session
6.45 - 8.00pm School Tours

Our school Open Night will be held on Thursday 17 March from 4pm to 8pm. On this day students are not required to attend during the normal school hours as there will be no structured classes, though supervision will be available if you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child. Please contact the Office to let us know if this will be the case. We will, however, be asking a significant number of our students to join us and take part in a variety of activities and demonstrations between 4pm and 8pm as we show off our school to current and prospective parents. Please come along to view our school, peruse student work and ask questions about our programs.

School Council Elections

At the close of nominations, the School had received four nominations for the four available parent positions. I therefore have great pleasure in announcing that Paul McNamara, Ben Dodds, Andrew Watts and Lyn Dyason have been duly elected onto the Warrandyte High School Council as Parent members for the next two

years. Similarly, I have great pleasure in announcing that Jill Treeby has been elected as a DET member of the Warrandyte High School Council for the next two years. At the close of nominations for the DET positions, only one nomination (Jill Treeby) had been received for the two positions available. Following an extension of the nomination period, three further nominations were received and there will now be a ballot held to determine who fills the final vacancy. This ballot is only open to the DET employees of Warrandyte High School and will be completed over the next two weeks.

Swimming Sports

Despite some foreboding weather, the school enjoyed a very successful House Swimming Sports day on Tuesday 16 February. Colourful costumes and sporting excellence abounded as students contested for individual honours and House glory. When the final results were tabulated Michel House was victorious. A more detailed recap of the day is included later in this edition of Gang Gang. Congratulations to all participants and well done to Katie Cook, our Sports Leader, for her excellent planning and management of the day.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

From the Principal

Warrandyte High School Music Support Group are looking for volunteers!



Could you give us an hour or two of your precious time at the Warrandyte Festival Sausage Sizzle (March 19th or 20th)?

We are looking for volunteers for Saturday, 9-11am, 11-1pm

1-3pm and 3-5pm and for Sunday 10-12pm, 12-2pm and 2-4pm.

This is our major fundraiser for the year and we really need your help. Join in the fun!

Money raised goes directly to support the music program.

Please Contact Margaret Kelly (MSG Committee) with any questions.

kellyclan03@icloud.com 0447 693 561

Click on the link below or copy and paste the link in your browser to access the online portal and roster yourself on in a time that is convenient! See you there!

<http://warrandytehighschoolmusicsupportgroup1.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=13307>

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:

Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis

Correct! The Warrandyte High School OPEN NIGHT is March 17!!!! Tell all of your friends, relatives, neighbours, colleagues, associates, buddies and partners!

There will also be the first WORKING BEE for 2016 on Thursday March 10 commencing at 5pm and concluding with a BBQ at 7pm as a reward for all of our hard work. It will be a summer twilight working bee! How quaint, no? Preparing for our stunning OPEN NIGHT will be the primary aim.

Painting and freshening up and maybe a little gardening will be the focus of our WORKING BEE. If you have the time to spare, we would love you to come! Bring your children! Make it a family event! A barbeque to follow don't forget!

If you can come, we would love you to register your availability to participate by notifying the front office either via email or phone. If you have any questions regarding the Working Bee itself, please contact Helene Butterworth, our Commander and Chief here at the high school.

Young Victorian Leaders to China – 2016

Congratulations again are extended to the 14 Year 9 students who will indeed be experiencing 6 weeks in China in August and September this year. Information Nights and a 2 week itinerary will follow and will be unveiled soon!

International Student Program

I will be in China for 2 weeks in early March. I am participating in a 2 week China Roadshow. This is sponsored by the Education Department and the aim is to meet and promote our wonderful school to a host of Chinese Agents who represent International Students! Currently we have 12 international students!

Visiting Andersons Creek Primary School and Croydon Hills Primary School

On Friday February 26, a special group from Warrandyte High School visited Andersons Creek Primary School and another awesome group visited Croydon Hills Primary School. At both schools we spoke to the Grade 5 and 6 students and teachers

about the wonderful opportunities that exist right here at Warrandyte High School. We were very warmly received by both amazing primary schools and we would like to take this opportunity to once again express our thanks to both primary schools for having us.

Who presented at Croydon Hills Primary School? Mr Mat Steed (our Year 7 Level Leader), myself and 3 of our amazing students who are all former Croydon Hills Primary School students presented. I would like to take this opportunity to officially acknowledge the wonderful job **Matthew Thompson** (Year 8), **Daniel Mortlock** (Year 8) and **Kiera Weeks** (Year 10) did at Croydon Hills Primary School. They spoke with elegance and flair and certainly represented Warrandyte High School wonderfully.

Who presented at Andersons Creek Primary School in addition to myself and Mr Mat Steed I hear you asking? The following 3 former students of Andersons Creek Primary School addressed the audience of Grade 5 and 6 students and teachers: **Layla Edsell** (Year 8), **Josephine Preston** (Year 8) and **Roy Sisson** (Year 10). As with the first group of students, these current Warrandyte High School students and former Andersons Creek students did us proud. What wonderful ambassadors for Warrandyte High School all of these students were! Many thanks indeed!

And what a hit our stunning new brochures were!

Never a dull moment at Warrandyte High School!

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal

E Books

Just a reminder to parents and students of Years 7 – 10 that you must have purchased your ebook bundle before close of business Friday 4 March. Students who have not purchased their bundle by this deadline will lose access to the ebooks. We have been advised that reconnection would take approximately 5 working days.

Campion website is www.campion.com.au and use the code of '9GR8' to pay for your bundle access.

Congratulations

Claire Bice is Warrandyte Lions Youth of the Year and runner up is also a Warrandyte High School student Luan Phillip-Owens. Both students went through a gruelling process which included writing an application, an in depth interview, answering on the spot questions, and speaking in front of Warrandyte Lions members for five minutes on a subject of their choice.

Warrandyte Lions Art Scholarship this year goes to Georgia Coutts. Each year the Lions Club of Warrandyte assists a student in their first year of university with a substantial monetary reward.

Well done Claire Bice, Luan Phillip-Owens and Georgia Coutts.

Applicants sought for Rotary Youth Exchange

The Rotary exchange program provides a unique opportunity for you to experience firsthand the culture of a new country, to learn a new language and gain in your personal development. The many friendships that you make will be both lifelong and not just restricted to your host country.

To have the opportunity to study abroad is a life-changing experience. Rotary youth exchange provides this opportunity.

If you are in Year 9, 10 or 11 an opportunity for a Rotary exchange in 2017 is possible. Places are likely to be available in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Japan, Taiwan, and Brazil.

The benefits of the exchange are many and varied. You will grow considerably in self-confidence, through the experience of living outside of your comfort zone in new surroundings. Studies have shown this experience to equate to as much as seven years of personal development.

Once you have finished your education to seek employment, there is no doubt that employer's look favourably upon those who have travelled with such a program.

Students are selected on application and after a personal interview. Applications close 31 March.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

Powerful Learning & Teaching Team: Art, Technology, Drama and Music – NEWS

During the past two weeks our Team has been busy developing our Common Learning Tasks.

What are Common Learning Tasks?

- Teachers collaboratively plan teaching and learning units.
- Teachers collaboratively develop common assessment practices and tasks which reflect teaching and learning based on the curriculum.
- Teachers collaboratively create success criteria.
- Teachers discuss student work within or across faculties.

Common Learning Tasks enable consistency in making assessments. Teachers are able to make judgements about student learning that are not dependent on the individual teacher, student, location or time and are based on a shared understanding of standards of learning.

One common assessment task will feature in each unit of work. These tasks will be uploaded onto the Compass Portal during the study of the unit of work. We encourage you to ask and discuss with your child what unit they are studying in each of their subjects at school.

Over the next couple of weeks our Team will be busy planning for our School Open Day. The Art Department is very excited to share their creative talents with our prospective students and is looking forward to the day.

The Music students will be performing at the evening information session and of course there will be delicious food to share in the Food Technology kitchen. Our VCE Theatre study students are currently very busy with their rehearsals for their upcoming Production of 'Love and Information' by Caryl Churchill. Ms na Meadhra believes it will be one of the best Theatre Study Plays the school has put on in recent years because of the talent in the group. Remember to book your tickets!

We look forward to sharing our Powerful Learning Journey throughout the year.

Leigh Thomson
PLTT Leader



Career News



This fortnightly Newsletter will keep you in touch with career events, expos, courses, Open Days and so on. Attending career events will assist you to make wise career decisions. Students who do research, attend events, collect information, and talk to others about careers frequently find it easier to make their own decisions.

1. WHAT ARE SOME ALTERNATIVES UPON LEAVING SCHOOL?

One option is university study. Research shows that those who have a university degree are (on average) less likely to be unemployed and are likely to earn more during their lifetimes than those who do not.

Others will want to complete a vocational course (VET) like hospitality, childcare or graphic design.

Another significant group will complete an apprenticeship or traineeship in areas such as plumbing, carpentry, mechanics, refrigeration or office administration.

Those entering employment with no study plans need to understand that their career options and earning capacity are likely to be limited in the long term. Qualifications are VITAL.

Thinking of University? There are nine in Victoria:

Australian Catholic University (ACU) has campuses in Fitzroy and Ballarat. It is a small but growing national university, publicly funded, open to those of any or no faith.

Deakin University's largest campus is in Burwood, but it also has campuses in Geelong and Warrnambool. It is a large university offering a very broad range of degrees.

Federation University has campuses in Ballarat and in Gippsland. It is a fairly small university serving two rural communities.

La Trobe University's main campus is in Bundoora, but it also has campuses in Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Mildura and Shepparton. It is a large university.

Monash University is very large; its main campus is in Clayton, but it also has campuses in Berwick, Caulfield, and Frankston (Peninsula Campus) (also in Malaysia and Prato in Italy).

RMIT is a large dual-sector institution (a VET provider as well) in the City, with other campuses in Brunswick and Bundoora.

Swinburne is a dual-sector institution with a university campus in Hawthorn, and VET campuses in the city, Croydon, Hawthorn and Wantirna.

The University of Melbourne is the oldest University, its main campus being in Parkville. It also has specialised campuses in Burnley, Creswick, Dookie, Shepparton, Southbank and Werribee.

Victoria University's main campus is in Footscray, but it also has campuses in the city, Melton, St Albans, Sunshine and Werribee. VU is a provider of higher education and

VET courses.

NOTE: Charles Sturt University is sometimes listed with Victorian Universities. It is a NSW university with a campus on the Victoria/NSW border (Albury-Wodonga).

There are many providers of vocational education (VET) such as Bendigo, Box Hill Institute, Gordon, Holmesglen, Kangan, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT, Swinburne, VU.

With so many institutions available it is important that you do some research during senior years at school. This includes attending Open Days, Career Expos, school holiday programs and so on.

1. FOCUS ON SOME HEALTH DEGREES

MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY - It is possible to study medicine/surgery at **Deakin** (Geelong), **Monash** (Clayton & Gippsland), and **Melbourne universities**. Many interstate universities offer medicine as well, and it is possible to study it in New Zealand (eg University of Otago in Dunedin) and have the qualification recognised in Australia. **NOTE:** Be aware that medical qualifications from many overseas universities are not recognised in Australia and further study in Australia is required.



The ONLY university in Victoria offering an **undergraduate medical degree** is **Monash**. Acceptance into this course is based on a combination of ATAR, **UMAT** result and a multi-mini **interview**. UMAT is short for the Undergraduate **Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test**. This year the test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July**. Registrations are open now and close at 5pm (AEST) on **Friday 3 June**, 2016. **See:** <http://umat.acer.edu.au>.

The UMAT is a multiple choice assessment; it is possible to purchase **practice tests** at this website, and you are strongly advised to do so as the UMAT is very demanding and practice is vital. The only Victorian undergraduate degree which requires completion of the UMAT is **Medicine at Monash**. La Trobe University requires it for **Dentistry**, but **only for non-Year 12 applicants**. Some interstate universities require it as part of the application process for medicine, dentistry and some other medical-related courses so you are wise to check this. Because of the competition for places, it is common for students keen to study medical courses to apply to **interstate universities** as well as Victoria. Living in a particular state does not give any priority to applicants. **NOTE:** International applicants see **International Student Admissions Test (ASAT)**.



Monash also offers a **post-graduate degree in medicine**, as do **Deakin and Melbourne** universities. Monash has very **specific requirements** for entry to this degree, including that from 2017, the **undergraduate degree MUST be a Monash degree** (preferably the B. Biomedical Science, or alternatively the B. Pharmacy or the B. Physiotherapy, or in a small number of cases the B. Science). Most applicants for the **Melbourne** degree would complete either the B. Biomedicine or the B. Science at Melbourne first. **Deakin** does not specify the undergraduate degree. **NOTE:** Many post-graduate medical degrees require applicants to sit for a test known at the **GAMSAT**. **See:** <http://gamsat.acer.edu.au>

Dentistry is only offered in Victoria as an undergraduate degree at **La Trobe University (Bendigo)** and as a post-graduate degree at **Melbourne University**.

It is important for anyone thinking of studying medicine or dentistry to **research** and start **preparing**; the competition for university places is very considerable. Some universities **offer information sessions** about their courses (eg 'At Monash' Seminar Series and **Focus On Melbourne** - details later).

Remember, of course, many students considering medicine or dentistry are **well suited to several other occupations**, not necessarily in the medical field, so explore these as well.



Welcome back to all students. For those new to the school, the Mullum Sports Division is comprised of seven schools; Warrandyte High, Ashwood College, Auburn High, Templestowe College, Forest Hill College, Heathmont College and Mullauna College. Our aim is to give students the opportunity to represent their school in an even competition.

Last year all schools in our division had the opportunity to send teams through to the region finals. This shows that we don't have a school that dominates which is great for our students.

Every term students are given the opportunity to complete in various sports against these schools. We also have the swimming sports, cross country and athletics during the year.

The School Sport Victoria website www.ssv.edu.au has a lot of information regarding competitions. You can also access information about Team Vic trials. SSV offers scholarships for students who make Team Vic teams and have financial difficulties.

This year the SSV golf tournaments are being organised by Golf Victoria. These events are for both students who play golf and those who have limited golf experience. Students need to enter online and parents are responsible for taking them.

<http://www.golfvic.org.au/secondary-school-events>

If you are a keen cyclist or would like to get involved in cycling, Cycling Vic offer some great competitions in both road and mountain biking. Please check out their website for further details

<http://www.vic.cycling.org.au>

I hope all students have a great year representing their school and enjoy participating and striving to do their best.

Michelle Barry
Mullum Division Coordinator



BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES AT MONASH – To whom is this degree suited? Are you **passionate about health** and **keen to contribute to addressing real health challenges?** This is a 'parent' course under which there are **four possible specialisations**. Students enrol in the course relevant to their specialisation: **B. Emergency Health, B. Human Services** (can lead to Masters in Social Work), **B. Public Health Science** and **B. Radiation Science**. Studies commence at the Caulfield campus where students from all specialisations apply scientific approaches to the study and improvement of health, considering physiological, behavioural, developmental, social and environmental aspects of human health and disease. After the first three semesters, you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the **theory and practice of your specialisation**. Prerequisites – Units 3/4 English and any Maths.

WHAT IS PHYSIOTHERAPY? Physiotherapists assess, treat and prevent disorders in human movement caused by injury or disease and work in private practice, rehabilitation centres hospitals, health department, mental health, school systems and with sporting organisations. Most aspiring physiotherapists want to work as sport physiotherapists, however, you need to understand that many, in fact, work with elderly patients.

Physiotherapy is taught at **Monash, La Trobe, Charles Sturt and Melbourne Universities**. ACU is introducing the course at the Ballarat campus in 2017. The ATAR required for all courses is very high, and admission to the **Monash degree** also requires an interview. The Melbourne degree is post-graduate. A **science background and interest** is required for successful completion of the course.

WHAT IS MYOTHERAPY? This is a **remedial massage course which assists in rehabilitation, pain and injury management**. The Advanced Diploma takes two to three years to complete. Some students who are interested in physiotherapy but who are not able to obtain the required ATAR find myotherapy a satisfying alternative. It is offered at a number of institutions such as Box Hill, Chisholm, Holmesglen, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT and Victoria University.

WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY? Do you want to engage people to **participate in activities to their full potential?** Occupational Therapy involves working with individuals, groups and communities **to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do**. It is taught at ACU, Charles Sturt, La Trobe, Deakin (Geelong), and Monash universities.

WHAT IS PROSTHETICS? Learn about artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supporting devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weaknesses. In Victoria this degree course is taught only at **La Trobe university**.

Hello Everyone

Thank you for my massive welcome to your school. I have lots of visitors coming to see me which I love.

I am now twelve weeks old and looking forward to going to my 13 week puppy class soon. At my 16 week puppy class I will get my jacket which will be exciting because then I can start getting out and about.

On Friday my Puppy Advisor, Katherine, came to see Jill and me. The visit was to see how I was coming along and for me to observe heavy traffic on a busy road. We went for a walk up to Warrandyte Road where I saw lots of cars passing and coming down Alexander Road. It didn't bother me too much so I can now walk around streets with light traffic and visit, but not go in, quiet shops.



Other Key Dates and Events

Event:

The School for Excellence (TSFX) Presents: Succeeding in VCE (Free Lectures!)

Dates:

Saturday 20 Feb.
Sunday 21 Feb.
Saturday 27 Feb.
8.30am – 5.30pm every day

Where:

University of Melbourne

Description:

Excelling in SACs and Exams (1.5 hour seminar)
Specialised Subject Lectures (1.5 hour seminars)
Advanced Study Skills Lecture (1.5 hour seminars)
The Psychology of Success (1.5 hour seminar)
The UMAT (1 hour 15 mins seminar)
Course and Career Planning (1 hour 15 mins)
And many others. Bookings are essential though!
Enrol at www.tsfx.com.au

Cost: FREE

Event:

VCE and Careers Expo

Dates:

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May
9am – 3pm
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May 10am – 4pm

Where:

Caulfield Racecourse

Description:

156 different Seminars on subjects (including English, Business Management, Psychology, Further, Methods, Chemistry, Biology and MANY OTHERS)
Information about tertiary courses, study advice and gap year information

Cost: \$10



With my next puppy class this Wednesday I am continuing to learn the sit, down and stand commands. However I do jump out of excitement when it is meal time which I am slowly realising isn't the done thing. Jill won't give me my meal until I am sitting quietly.

Please continue to visit and say hello.

Love Nerida

House Swimming Sports

Whilst the weather forecast was not on our side the 2016 house swimming sports still went ahead with great success. On Tuesday 16th February 12 bus loads of Warrandyte High School students descended on Boroondara Sports Complex full of colour and with loud voices ready to swim and cheer their houses to victory. Even in the cold and sometimes wet conditions it was great to see so many of the students brave the elements and eager to swim. In particular, the junior events required heats to be swum due to the mass participation.

Many events were tightly contested with many records being re-written including Alexandra Bloomer smashing the record set back in 2008 for both the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke). Harry Deakin also smashed 30 seconds off the previous time for the 100m freestyle. A fantastic effort! The annual bombing contest was also a great success with mass participation and a great display of different techniques. In the end Michel were awarded Swimming House Champions for 2016. Congratulations Michel.

The final points tally was:

Michel – 288

Stiggant – 262

Newman – 196

Anderson – 88

In addition a House Swimming Champion Trophy was awarded to one student from each house. These students were recognized for gaining the most number of points for their house and for their eager participation on the day.

The House Swimming Champions were:

Michel – Alexandra Bloomer

Stiggant – Chloe Cooper

Newman – Harry Deakin

Anderson – Kate Foster

Students who won an event will now progress through to the Mullum Division Swimming competition being held on Friday 11th March. We wish all these students the best of luck and I am sure they will challenge themselves to give 100% and represent the school with pride.

The day is not only about recognising swimming success but also about building house spirit, leadership and cross year level friendships for all students, as well as students and teachers building relationship outside the classroom setting. As part of this 4 students (Sabrina Raso, Tania Filardo, Pierce Bowman and Jordan Marks were awarded the best dressed) for the inventive costumes. I look forward to seeing the costumes worn at the athletics day in May. The day finished off with a house versus staff inflatable crocodile relay which was fiercely contested. Whilst much sabotage was undertaken Michel were still victorious closely followed by the staff team. Congratulations to all students and staff who involved themselves in this event.

All students should be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour on the day. A big thank you also goes to all the staff who contributed to making the 2016 House Swimming Carnival a successful and enjoyable day.

**Katie Cook
Sports Leader**



Wants You To Come And Try Basketball

We have vacancies in our current U10 girls, U12 boys and U12 girls teams that we would urgently like to fill. If you would like to try, you are welcome to come and join in a training session to see how you like it. We train locally at the stadium at the end of Greys Harps Rd, Hurstbridge. U10 girls play Friday afternoons, U12 girls play Tuesday afternoon and the boys play on Saturdays. All girls games are played at Diamond Valley, Civic Drive, Greensborough and boys games are played at Diamond Valley, Community Bank Stadium (Diamond Creek) or Parade College.

Training sessions for these age groups are as follows;

U10 girls Tuesday 4-5 or Thursday 4-5

U12 girls Monday 4-5

U12 boys Thursday 5-6

For more enquires please ring

Joanne McIlroy-Smith (U8-12 girls coordinator) **0417 549 679**

Paula Knight (U12 boys coordinator) **0403 72762**



Eltham Junior Football Club

Are looking for new players in the following age groups;

Boys – U9, U10, U12 and U17

Girls – U10, U12, U14 and U16

Auskick for boys and girls kinder age and up

If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact Roslyn McCormick on

0419 305 814

dav.ros@bigpond.com

run Warrandyte

MARCH 6 2016

- Ringwood Warrandyte Osteopathy **15km Run**
- Hardings Swift Caravan Services **10km Run**
- Ruby Tuesday Jewellery **5km Run**
- Quinton's Supa IGA **2.2km Walk/Run**
- Crystal Brook Tourist Park **U8 Oval Dash**
- The Grand Warrandyte Gift **100m Sprint**

Events for all ages
Raising money for Warrandyte Sports Clubs

NEW 2016

Warrandyte Gift

100m Handicap Sprint
Prize Money
for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Register Online
WarrandyteSports.com.au

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