



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

JUNE

Wednesday 8 June

Year 8 Sport and CFA Visit to Bangholme

Thursday 9 June

Year 8 Science ALP commences and Junior Girls Football

Monday 13 June

Queens Birthday

Tuesday 14 June

Year 9 Taking The Challenge City Camp leaves

Wednesday 15 June

Year 9 Taking The Challenge City Camp returns

Thursday 16 June

NEVR Boys Year 8 AFL and Year 7 Sport

Thursday 16 June

Year 8 Science ALP finishes and GVBR Meeting 7:30pm-Library

Friday 17 June

Kakadu Camp leaves

Monday 20 June

Year 10 Work Experience

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:

Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis



Uluru, Alice Springs, Kakadu, Darwin and many places in between.

Congratulations

The term is quickly drawing to an end. The Year 9, 10 and 11 exams and the VCE General Achievement Test (GAT) have been completed, and reports for all year levels are being finalised. However, there is no rest for our Year 12 students who are working hard on their Unit 3 Subjects. Over the last two weeks of term our Year 9, 10 and 11 students will be undertaking a variety of programs. At the start of next week our Year 9 students have their overnight stay in the City as part of their 'Taking the Challenge City Experience' program. The week after next (the last week of term) our Year 10 students head off for Work Experience. The variety of placements is quite amazing and a credit to the hard work of their parents and Martin Yates, our Careers Counsellor. The Year 11 Central and Northern Australia tour also starts in the last week of term and continues over the first week of the term holidays with students and staff boarding a bus which will take them north to

Congratulations are in order for Ryan Seini who has been selected to represent Australia in the U17 Mounted Games* Team that will be attending the World Teams Championships in Ireland in July. He will also be competing in the U17 Pairs World Championships in Denmark at the beginning of August. This is a well-deserved opportunity for Ryan and we wish him all the best for a successful Games

*Mounted Games are a series of very fast races performed by people on ponies. They require a high degree of athletic ability, good riding skills, hand-to-eye coordination, a competitive spirit, and an ability to work together with other riders and to be willing to help one another.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

The Homework Club!

Breaking News! Starting Monday 18 July and every Monday thereafter, Warrandyte High School is offering THE HOMEWORK CLUB. 3.30pm-4.30pm in the library. A place for students to come with their homework! A place where students can seek help with their homework! Exciting, no? Teachers on hand to offer assistance! No appointments or bookings necessary! Just come along!

Powerful Learning

At Warrandyte High School, professional learning never stops for both teachers and students. Teachers observing teachers, teaching trialling new strategies, teachers giving feedback to each other is part of the fabric of Warrandyte High School. Now we are entering into the phase of eliciting student feedback as students are an intrinsic stakeholder in our journey of continuous improvement. Watch this space for more details.

Class Captains

We are in the process of seeking nominations for class captains, two class captains per class. What a fantastic student leadership position! Indeed being part of a committee that elicits student feedback and then delivers that feedback to teachers will be one of their exciting portfolio tasks. Participating in community service activities such as our soon to be launched HOMEWORK CLUB; connecting with and assisting fellow students

are all part of the exciting and rewarding activities which our class captains can expect! COMPASS revealed all information regarding the class captain nomination process.

Young Victorian Leaders To China

The time is approaching when 14 Year 9 students will be spending 6 weeks in China! Four of those weeks will be spent studying at our sister school / nearby tertiary campus in China!

Recently students participated in an Introductory Chinese language and culture session which was presented by two of our amazing international students, Zihan Chi and Yuli Hu (Alison). Both of these international students are currently in Year 11. They did a fantastic job of teaching us some basic Chinese expressions. Will we remember them? EEEEEKKK!!

Andrea Genat, our welfare/psychologist also presented – providing students with a range of strategies to cope with anxiety and homesickness.

6 weeks in China! Frequenting our sister school in China! Staying in a homestay with a Chinese family! What a life changing experience!

Uniform

Students and parents are reminded that we strictly enforce our uniform policy. If in doubt as to what constitutes correct uniform, please contact the relevant year level leader.

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal

From the Principal

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Camp Awakenings

On the 1 April four Year 9 students from Warrandyte High School arrived at Mt Eliza not knowing what to expect. As soon as we arrived we were pushed out of our comfort zones.

We were introduced into groups and got given a drink bottle, t-shirt, bandana and hat in team colours. Each team was allocated a team song which when was played all members of that team had to dance until the music stopped. The camp did have typical 'camp activities' including a giant swing, rope courses and crate stacking but the main focus of the camp was for the Year 9 students to gain confidence within themselves and around others.

We participated in a number of sessions which talked about how to have a positive life and overcome tough situations. We from WHS were separated into different groups, forcing us to make new friends within the three days. During the nights we participated in many team building activities.

Have You Seen What Our Talented Students Have Done

Congratulations to our very talented Year 10 art students of 2015 who worked with Ms Dale and Mr Eaton to achieve our Theatre sign.

Production 2016 is SHREK the Musical JR



Rehearsals have started and excitement is in the air for Warrandyte High School 2016 production of DreamsWorks SHREK the Musical JR.

There are still many ways students can become involved working behind the scenes. If you would like to be a part of the behind the scenes team please see me in my office in the General Office and let me know what you would like to help with.

Helene Butterworth
Executive Assistant

Hello Mathematicians!

Do you like competing against your peers? Do you like competing against students Australia wide? Do you like everyday maths problems?

Warrandyte High has the competition for you.

During Term 3 we will host the AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION where you will answer 30 sensational maths problems.

If you are interested in competing please see your teacher or Mr Andrews before the end of Term 2.

For those that want to test themselves already, AMC has past questions on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/AusMathsTrust/ and test yourself out today!

Happy solving!

Simon Andrews
Maths Teacher

Maths, Science and PE/ Health

It has been a busy time of year for the Maths, Science and PE/Health faculties. Our year 7 and year 9 students have worked hard to complete NAPLAN for 2016 and our year 10s and 11s have been studying hard for their semester 1 exams.

In Science, 13 students from years 7 – 12 recently took part in the annual Science Competition. This provided students with a chance to compete against students from across Victoria, and extend their scientific knowledge. Hopefully next year more students will be excited to take on the challenge! Stay tuned for the results of the competition in a later Gang Gang edition.

Also in Science, the year 8 Science ALP will be beginning on June 9th. All students will be able to investigate Science in our everyday lives and develop their own experiments and conclusions.

In PE/Health, our year 7s and 8s have been training hard for their term 2 sports and are ready to compete against other schools in the coming weeks. Our year 10 sports leadership class have been helping out at half time at the MCG by umpiring the AFL Auskick games. This has given them excellent leadership and coaching skills and is a wonderful experience for the students. Thank you Mr Sunjo for providing the students with this opportunity.

In Maths, we are currently organising our Maths competition. This will take place on Thursday July 28th at school, and we would like to invite any student from years 7 – 12 to participate. Please have a read of Mr Andrews' article for more information!

As staff, we have just completed our second cycle of inquiry where teachers have been observing teachers. Your sons and daughters will be able to tell you all about the 'Do Now', the 'Writing Break' and 'The Exit Slip'. We are all enjoying trialling some new techniques and seeing the students try these new strategies too. Beginning in term 3, we are launching our Homework Club. Stay tuned for more exciting information about this!

Chantelle Wilson
PLTT Leader



On the second night we had to do different team activities in a short amount of time. The camp had a point system where if they encouraged their team mates or had a positive attitude they would get points for their team. If a member of a team didn't bring their four coloured items then they would get sprayed by a selection of different water guns and also the team leader would receive a jug of water poured on top of them.

The camp included guest speakers such as Chris Anstey a retired Basketball player who talked about his life and his experiences as a teenager. A number of leaders/volunteers also shared their stories of their personal life. The whole time the leaders observed the groups to see how we all acted around each other and how we cooperated with everyone.

The whole time the Year 9 students thought we were earning points towards becoming the winning team but in the end they ended up not meaning anything! From the start the leaders were observing the teams leadership skills and cooperation between them. Despite Year 9 students not knowing each other at the start, we all quickly made new friends and worked together. Camp Awakenings was an enjoyable and new experience for us Year 9 students.

On behalf of Warrandyte High School we would like to thank Michael, Sandi and the rest of the team leaders for giving up their time to run the camp.

Nadine Cleary, Artie Pinder, Meg Hambleton and Charlotte Stark
Year 9 Students

The Parent Association and Warrandyte High School Community would like to acknowledge and thank the following donors for their kind contribution to our very successful Trivia Night Fund Raiser:

- ACE Airport Parking
- AMF Bowling
- Warrandyte Berry Farm
- Bunnings at Nunawading
- Clearly Better Cleaning – window cleaner
- Cuckoo Restaurant
- Ebb & Flow Hairdressing - Croydon Hills
- FCW uniforms
- Gilbert and Marcel cakes
- Goldfields Newsagents
- Gossip Lane Hairdressers – Park Orchards
- Gourmet Living
- The Hambleton Family
- H2O Plumbers Warrandyte
- Indian Affair Restaurant
- Intensify Fitness
- Italk Travel – Doncaster East
- Jeff Murray Oven Cleaner
- Jenny Dawson - Intimo
- Karina Templeton Chinese Massage
- Lance Dixon Doncaster
- Luna Park
- Melbourne Museum
- Muscle Magic Warrandyte
- Olivigna Restaurant Warrandyte
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- Rejoice World Travel The Pines
- Riverside Gowns Warrandyte
- Riverview Cafe Warrandyte
- Rivva PT & Gym Warrandyte
- Roma Waterman Professional Voice Coach Warrandyte
- Ruby Tuesday Jewellers Warrandyte
- Tails A Go Go Pet Grooming Warrandyte
- Templestowe Beauty Retreat
- The Butterfly Club
- The Living Room Restaurant Templestowe
- The Pines Shopping Centre Management
- Touched By An Angel
- Urban Life Photography
- Witches in Britches Theatre Restaurant

**Claire Bloom
IT Teacher**

Afl Umpiring Course 2016.

As a part of our Year 10 Sports Management class, students were required to complete a training course conducted by the AFL Umpiring fraternity. Sadly, our leader from the AFL could not finish his course and even with me at the helm, our students still did brilliantly!!

The highlight of the course was adjudicating at the MCG and Etihad stadium at half time for the AusKick kids. What an amazing experience for our students to run out onto the hallowed turf, blow the whistle to start the game and then be royally abused by 8 year olds! I chuckled inwardly when our students mentioned how argumentative some of the AusKickers could be.

Our students were resplendent in Green and Grey! Their calls were perfectly correct every time (as expected....My coaching, remember!). As usual, our students represented our school with pride and honour. Champions one and all!

**Ante Sunjo
Sport Teacher**



Year 8 Sport Ed – Badminton

What a day, who thought Badminton could be so physical? Well today we had so many battles on the badminton courts. Both boys and girls teams finished second in their competitions after some amazingly close, crunching games. Unfortunately the losses were only through single points. All players were valuable throughout the day; however some exceptional performances were from Rhys Bryant, Ethan Stark, Peter Li, Alia Sproat, Caitlyn Bull and Abby Hambleton. An excellent day full of determination, growth in skill and game awareness. Well done to all players

**Clare Rayner
Sport Teacher**

Trivia Tour Night at Warrandyte High School

An excited crew of Trivia Travellers gathered in the Warrandyte High School theatre to embark on a trip of a lifetime. Well actually, it was more like a rollicking Contiki Tour than a cruise on the QE2, with tables of Mexicans, Hawaiians and characters dressed in Lederhosen all vying for the big prize.

At the end of the trip, it was the young teachers' table vs the old hands in a tie breaking playoff. Former WHS parent, Steve Reynolds held his nerve to correctly answer the "Where am I?", and win the night for the table of former parents and trivia organisers. The winning team consisted of a bunch of cheese eating Frenchies: Judy Finger, Phil Johnstone, Shelley and Stephen Reynolds, Shirlena Hayton, Jenny and Joan McDonell. Overall it was a fantastic night led by Captain Greg Stewart and his co-crew member, Judy Steel. Parent Association President, Fay Theodore wishes to thank all the generous businesses in and around Warrandyte, who supported the night with exciting donations, and her hard working team who ensured a very successful fund raising night. We are still waiting details of the final amount raised, with funds to go towards updating equipment in the school theatre.

Watch out for news of next year's big fund raising event and be sure to put it in your diary, so you don't miss out.

Thanks to Stephen Reynolds for photos (continued next page)





Warrandyte High School Parent Association

**Do you want to make a real difference and contribute to your child's school ?
Join the Parent Association and do a bit of work with other like-minded parents!**

Minimum work required (not like when the kids are at primary school!!) No heavy workloads - we only have ONE major fundraiser a year – the Trivia night in May.

We meet one night a month (the 2nd Thursday of each month), often over a casual dinner.

The Meetings for this year are:

Thursday 9 June	Thursday 13 October
Thursday 11 August	Thursday 10 November

This year we have lost 5 parents due to them no longer having children at school, and are looking to swell our ranks with new people with new ideas.

The Parent Association has raised significant funds over the years, and have paid for

- New air conditioning and heating in the VCE centre
- theatre curtains
- raised garden beds for growing herbs and vegetables for the kitchen / food tech area
- lots of new seating and tables for students
- new carpet

To mention just a few of the latest benefits made possible by our fundraising.

Please consider spending a little of your time to make a BIG difference and contact the school office (and they will pass on your details)

or contact Fay :0412 156 566

Fay Theodore (on behalf of the WHS Parent Association)