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Diary Dates

- JUNE**
- Wednesday 14 June**
Year 12 GAT
 - Thursday 15 June**
Year 11 Exams
 - Friday 16 June**
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 - Monday 19 June**
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 - Tuesday 20 June**
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EMR Cross Country
 - Friday 23 June**
Kakadu Camp leaves
 - Monday 26 June**
Year 10 Work Experience
 - Thursday 29 June**
Year 7 Sports Day



Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana
School Captains:
Vivien Todd and James Puls-Welsh



The term is quickly drawing to an end. Reports for all year levels are being finalised. The Year 10 exams have been completed. The Year 11 and Year 12 exams are underway, and the VCE General Achievement Test (GAT) takes place on Wednesday, June 14. 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 Uluru, Alice Springs, Kakadu, Darwin and many places in between.

Thank you once again to the Parent Association for a wonderful Trivia Night. It was fantastic fun and all for a very worthy cause. The Parent Association led by the ever dynamic Irene Vouterakos not only managed to collect an amazing number and array of goods for the silent auctions, but also worked tirelessly in the

days leading up to the Trivia Night on the many small tasks and the large logistical challenges which needed to be overcome to make the night such a success. Thanks also to the families of the Parents' Association, plus the

student volunteers helping on the floor – Nick and Emma Dodds, Kayla Mc Namara and Meg Hambleton, and the student volunteers doing lighting and sound – Rhys Bryant, Lachy Horsfield and Ethan Moon

A very special thank you must also go out to the many generous businesses of Warrandyte and surrounding areas who donated the auctioned items. A list of these businesses is included below and we ask that you always consider them whenever purchasing relevant goods and services.

Over \$3000 was raised which will be now be put towards improvements in the school theatre.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

Thank you for your support

- PMC DRAFTING SERVICES
- PAYDIRT LANDSCAPING & TILING
- BUNNINGS RINGWOOD
- ACE AIRPORT
- PUFFING BILLY
- THE PINES PET SHOP
- THE HUNTRESS
- WEBB'S BUTCHERY
- URTH HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY AND MASSAGE
- Z CAFÉ
- LIVING ROOM RESTAURANT
- TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
- TEMPLESTOWE BEAUTY RETREAT
- CHOCOLATE MASTER CHOCOLATIERS
- BLOOM FAMILY
- WATERMARC
- FASHION CLUBWEAR
- CHEVOUX
- RIVERESQUE INTERIORS
- AUMANN'S
- MOJO'S ON MAIN
- ELTHAM BOOK SHOP
- DODDS FAMILY
- PARK ORCHARDS POST OFFICE
- GOSSIP LANE HAIRDRESSING
- O.T.T.NAIL BAR
- VIBROMANIA
- JEREMY ALFOND
- DAVE DAVIES
- WHS ADMIN (BEV, ANNE, JILL)
- THE TRIVIA TEAM
- OFFICEWORKS RINGWOOD
- THE GRAND WARRANDYTE
- RUBY TUESDAY
- COIA FAMILY
- CHARLIES CHOCOLATE BOUQUETS
- INTENSIFY FITNESS
- ROB DOLANS THE FARM
- INDIAN AFFAIR
- DONCASTER SWIMART
- FAY THEODORE
- BUBBAS
- JOE CARUANA

From the Principal

Year 7 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Recently the entire Year 7 cohort made their way into Melbourne Zoo for a Science excursion on Animal Classification. In class groups, students answered a series of questions related to an animal of choice from each of the five classes of Kingdom Animalia. After a short lunch break, students eagerly set off, maps in hand, to take on the Group Classification Challenge. During this time, students were to find and name (both scientific and common) as many Australian species as possible. Students also took the challenge to learn about the conservation programs that are run by Zoos Victoria including Don't Palm Us Off, They're Calling On You and Wipe 4 Wildlife.

Well that is enough about what we did. Let's hear what the students thought and learnt:

"I learnt that the Zoo puts the animals in different parts to make it easier to find what you're looking for" – Chandler Weeks

"I learnt that the fish I studied uses its teeth to clean other sea animals" – Brooke Metcalfe

"I learnt that Gouldian Finches are endangered" – Katie Laukart

"One of the things I found interesting was that sting rays actually have a bit of wire in their tail called a barb and that's how it stings things / protects itself" – Bec Sinclair

"My favourite part of the zoo was the Lemur cage. I also liked walking in groups with our friends to answer all the questions" – Emily Myers.

Kathryn Ball

Biology, Chemistry and Science Teacher

From the Assistant Principal



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.

One exciting component of our whole class direct Instructional Model is this: Year 7-10 students completing a 5-10 starter activity which commences within the first 3 minutes of the lesson! The "starter" requires minimal or no instruction and could be designed to generate curiosity for the upcoming lesson; to swiftly revise what was taught in a previous lesson; to enable the teacher to gain a sense of what information the students already know! These are some of the different purposes the "starter" possesses!

Class Captains

We are in the process of completing our Selection process for class captains. This will be an 18 month gig/appointment! What a fantastic student leadership position! Indeed being part of a committee that elicits student feedback and promotes student voice will again feature in their exciting portfolio of tasks. Participating in community service activities such as our Homework Club; connecting with and assisting fellow students are all part of the exciting and rewarding activities which our class captains can expect! Watch this space!

Kakadu, Northern Territory!

As mentioned by Stephen Parkin, the time is fast approaching when VCE students will be spending time in the Northern Territory! Exploring Darwin! Embracing Kakadu! The magic of the Red Centre! A life-changing experience! What a life changing experience!

Italy!

E poi, alcuni studenti andranno in Italia per due settimane! Che bello, no? Questa avventura comincerà verso la nostra prima vera! Il gioiello d'Europa – Italia!

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.

The Homework Club!

Our Homework Club continues go from strength to strength! Every Monday from 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!

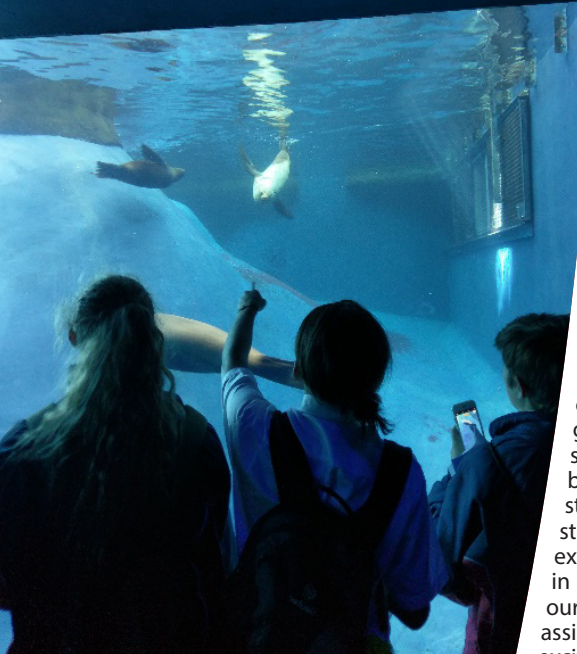
Kangaroo Ground and Pantan Hill Primary School visit to WHS

What excessive fun the Year 5 students had recently from Kangaroo Ground and Pantan Hill Primary right here at Warrandyte High!

The students participated in both a high school Science and high school English lesson! Indeed as all of our primary guests were so awesome and engaging, they all successfully achieved their Warrandyte High School Microscope and Vocabulary licence! A huge thank you is extended to the wonderful teachers and students at these primary schools. The enthusiasm and energy and willingness to learn which the students displayed was impressive.

A special thank you is also extended to our very own WHS student helpers who assisted on the day. All of our helpers attending either Kangaroo Ground or Pantan Hill Primary School. These amazing students were, from Kangaroo Ground Primary: Alec Kotlarewski (Year 7), Joshua Atherton (Year 8), Noah Hunter (Year 8) and Sophie Leed (Year 9). From Pantan Hill Primary: Behtany McGhee (Year 7), Emily Myers (Year 7), Kasey Saville (Year 7) and Luke Myers (Year 8).

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal



Powerful Learning & Teaching Team

With the middle of the year fast approaching some of us are wondering where first semester has gone and others are willing the holidays to come sooner. The team, (which we affectionately call The Sapphires, because we all sparkle) has been engaged in the implementation of the WHS Instructional Model – a common approach to the structure of our lessons. Our team meetings involve robust discussion about what we teach and how we teach and how we can best improve student outcomes. There is a strong feeling of collegiality and desire for professional development within the team which can only result in great things for our students.



Year 12 English

The year 12 English classes enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see a production of Medea. Students studied the play in term 1 and it was wonderful to consolidate opinions and understandings about the play while watching it performed as intended by the playwright. Characters were brought to life and the action and theatrical conventions helped to make greater sense of themes discussed in class. A Q&A session with the actors after the show provided new insights into the play and hopefully students will remember this experience as they revise the text for the end of year exam.



Since the last newsletter, I have been learning many new things.

I went on a walk with our Puppy Advisor, Kathryn, and learnt how to walk well and experience busy traffic.

I think I went very well with my walking. As soon as I walk with my head up and looking straight ahead, I receive a treat. No sniffing the ground or looking at fluttering leaves and other animals for me. The busy traffic did not really concern me, which I believe is good as I received a treat. I will now be able to extend my walking to quiet shops and slightly busier roads.

Each day I am improving my 'walking well' and the 'down' and 'stand' command.

On Friday June 9, I had my 16-week puppy class and at the end of the class, I received my jacket. I hoped this time during free play I could play with the other puppies, as I was a little scared last time. I also visited the vet for a check-up and received my last lot of vaccinations.

I have already had many visitors, which I love so please keep visiting me.

Love Reggie

In the library

The new shelving for the non-fiction books is finally in place, the old shelving has gone to shelf heaven and the books are inviting everyone to browse and borrow. While the internet offers us so much immediate information sometimes it is good to look through the books for another perspective. We have great books on art, sport, travel, science, history and animals and on our new shelves they are easier to find. As always, if there are topics that the library doesn't cover, students can put in a book request at the front desk.

New shelves.... On castors too!

Chess Tournament

The enthusiasm for playing Chess at lunchtime is growing and we are embarking on our first tournament. Eight students will play off against each other over a series of lunchtimes until the Grand Master is named. Stay tuned for updates and results...

Debating Club

As well as our emerging Chess Club, an avid group of debaters have formed a Debating Club. At present we have established a schedule for the rest of this term and into term 3. Students will practise their debating skills, culminating in a debate for a wider school audience in term 3. Look forward to reports from this club.



Robotics

The latest acquisition for the Rotary Makerspace is a set of Sphero balls. Sphero is a robotic ball that you control with a tilt, touch, or swing of your smartphone or tablet. They provide a platform for learning about coding, robotics and programming. The Sphero will be available for class and lunchtime use.

The library also has a new online catalogue which allows users to search for resources from home, class or anywhere there is internet. Students can access the catalogue via the favourites star on Compass and log in with their school username and password. Once in, they can create a profile page, request alerts for new books coming into the library, write reviews of their favourite books and even renew books before they become overdue.

Edrolo

The year 12 VCE students are fortunate enough to be participating in a free 8 week trial of an online VCE support program called Edrolo. This program offers support material in the form of video tutorials, quizzes, exam practice and immediate feedback for students and diagnostic data for teachers. Students will be able to use the program for revision purposes and teachers will set aspects as homework or to complement work done in class.

We are hoping that all students take advantage of the resources on offer and we will be seeking feedback at the end of the trial to determine the value of the program. So, if you have a child in Year 12 ask them about Edrolo or visit edrolo.com.au to see for yourself.

Judy Steel
PLTT leader and librarian