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Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

JULY

Monday 11 July
Term 3 commences

Monday 18 July
HOMEWORK CLUB commences

Monday 18 July
Music and Writing Camp begins

Wednesday 20 July
Music and Writing Camp returns

Enjoy
the holidays
everyone.



Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin
Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana
School Captains:
Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis



The final week of term sees the Year 10 students undertaking their Work Experience placements. Work Experience gives students an opportunity to get out into the work force and try a range of occupations they may be interested in for their future.

The Year 11 Central Australia and Kakadu trip have also begun with a very early start on Friday 18 June. Students so far have visited Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Uluru, Alice Springs, Daly Waters and Katherine. Although they have enjoyed fine days, the nights have been chilly. Now they are heading into the tropics, a pleasant thought as we all shiver through an arctic blast over the past few days.

End of semester reports are now available on the Compass Parent Portal. These valuable reports will provide feedback to parents with information on their child's academic progress this semester. Reports will not only give parents an indication of how well their child is progressing, but also reference to their

areas of achievement and notes for further development.

When we all return to school on Monday 11 July, there will be some staffing changes. We are very excited to be welcoming back Kathryn Ball who will be returning to Warrandyte High School from 12 months of family leave. With happy thoughts, tinged with sadness, we will be farewelling Clare Rayner. Clare has taken up an opportunity to move closer to home and will continue her teaching career at Lilydale Heights College. This is good news for Clare and her family, but we will miss her friendship, her professionalism and her energy and enthusiasm, as will all her students. With this change in staffing, all programs and classes at Warrandyte High School will proceed smoothly from day one next term.

Best wishes for a safe and happy term break.

Stephen Parkin
Principal

From the Principal



Production 2016 is SHREK the Musical JR

Rehearsals have started and excitement is in the air for Warrandyte High School 2016 production of DreamWorks 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

The Homework Club!

Officially starts July 18, the second Monday of Term 3 and then every Monday thereafter. In the Library! 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an opportunity for students from all year levels to come and do their homework, to come and receive help with their homework. There will be volunteer teachers and students at hand to offer assistance! How wonderful, no?

YEAR 7 – 9 LEVEL CAPTAINS

Congratulations are extended to the following students who have successfully been appointed Year 7 Captains for 2016: Noah Willis, Aaron Hewitt, Luke Myers, Elizabeth Silver, Emma Dodds, Ashleigh Plumridge and Fletcher Konynenburg.

Congratulations are similarly extended to the following students who have successfully been appointed Year 8 Captains for 2016: Ethan Stark, Eli Lui, Hayley Spencer-Jones, Caitlyn Bull and Chase Wallace.

We also salute and commend our recently appointed Year 9 Captains for 2016: Fynn Groves, Skye Gedye, James Hellings, Nic Dodds and Piper Davis.

A panel consisting of myself and three Year 12 students (who are members of the Senior Student Leadership Team) interviewed all of the Year 7-9 Level Captain applicants. It was great being part of this dynamic student led process. Year 12 students, members of the Senior Student Leadership Team, also participated in the process of informing both the successful and unsuccessful applicants. The unsuccessful applicants have been offered a place in the SRC – the School Representative Council. This is another student forum which promotes Student Voice and Leadership.

I would personally like to thank the following Year 12 students who did a fantastic job assessing all of the Year 7-9 applications, interviewing all of the candidates and also informing all of the candidates of their outcome. It was the Year 12 Senior Student Leaders who A up with the wonderful idea of offering the candidates who on this occasion were not successful, a place on the SRC. Indeed I would like to acknowledge the impressive time, effort and care the following Year 12 students invested into this project: Tylar Findlay (School Captain); Ben Willis (School Captain); Damon Moorfoot (SRC President); Brett Watkinson (Senior Student Leader)

Promoting our soon to be launched HOMEWORK CLUB will be one of the first concrete activities in which our wonderful school captains will be participating. Being a year level captain, amongst other things, is all about being an excellent role model, leading by example – hence participation in THE HOMEWORK CLUB either as a promoter, a client or a tutor or any combination thereof is one of the ways our newly appointed captains will be making their debut!

Year 12 students who are members of our Senior Student Leadership Team will be participating as tutors/ helpers in our HOMEWORK CLUB!!!! Students helping students! Students being excellent role models for students! Senior students building a connection with younger students! All part of the fabric that is Warrandyte High School!

The GAT and mid- Year Exams

With a large number of our Year 11 students undertaking a Unit 3&4 subject in 2016, we had a large contingent for this year's General

Achievement Test (GAT). The GAT is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science, technology, humanities, the arts and social science. Each of these sections represents a body of general knowledge and skills that students are likely to have built up through their school years.

Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school based and external assessments have been accurately assessed as well as helping to calculate Derived Exam Scores should they be necessary.

The GAT is used in these ways because the VCAA believe that achievement on the GAT is a good predictor of achievement in other assessment. Clearly some GAT questions relate more closely to achievement in particular studies. The VCAA takes this into account when it calculates students' expected achievements in each study for each school.

For example GAT results in mathematics, science and technology play only a minor part in calculating students' expected achievements in humanities studies.

Uniform

With the rapid falling of temperature students and parents are reminded that Warrandyte High School is a full school uniform school this means that alternative jumpers such as hoodies are not permitted. Students who wish to stay warm in the inclement weather have the options of a school jumper and school spray jacket. Students are also permitted to wear plain white t-shirts under their uniforms.

The way that a student wears their uniform is also an integral part of the uniform code.

According to the 'General Rules' of uniform, listed in the student planner "Students are expected to be neat in appearance at all times..... Part of the policy governing school uniform includes the way it is worn." This statement encompasses the length of skirts. Students' skirts need to be of an appropriate length in order to be deemed correct school uniform. Students with inappropriate length skirts will be given a warning to rectify the issue prior to punitive measures such as detentions being put in place. For questions regarding the uniform policy please speak to your student's Sub School Leader.

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal

Music and Writing Camp

A call for Musicians and Writers wanting to be part of the 2016 Music and Writing Camp. The Camp will be running from Monday 18 July through to the Wednesday 20 July.

It will be three days of writing and music workshops, music rehearsal and fun activities. Those wishing to be involved will need to register and pay for the event on Compass. For more information please see Mr Ashmole or Mr Carozzi.

Mr Ashmole

Sports News

Intermediate boys soccer

When perusing the team we assembled for this year's Intermediate Interschool Soccer Tournament, I thought that our boys had a very good chance of inflicting some serious damage on our opponents; and that's exactly what happened. We played Auburn, Mallauna and Ashwood in our division. We won two games and drew one which put us on a collision course with the Soccer Academy School, Forest Hill in the grand final.....but, more about that game later.

Our boys were superb. I lost count of the amount of times our goalie, Jared Ottosen, saved our hides. His hands were like vices on the very slippery and muddy ball. Shaun Price (Golden boot recipient), Aiden Prescott, Deacon Murray and Kane Jolly wreaked havoc in the forward line. Harry Maudsley, Josh Clinton and Cameron Parker were like me in the canteen line at lunchtime...immoveable! Josh was the only player at the tournament to penetrate Forest Hill's goal!

Kyle Williams, Finley Swedosh, James Hellings, Callum Khaw, Shaun Mundell, Ryan Southall and Jarrod Paterson were thrown all over the park in all four games. They were asked to play in every position on the ground and performed brilliantly in these roles.

Thomas Edge was the player who opened our scoring account with an excellent strike which took the nerves away and allowed us to make the final.

The final.....It was always going to be difficult against the might of the Forest Hill Soccer Academy. We fought valiantly and were the only team on the day to score against them.

The end result was (1 -) (you can fill in the final score)

Congratulations, boys! A fine effort.

Ante Sunjo
Sport Teacher

Roy Sisson – Year 10 Hothouse Digital Achiever

Congratulations to Roy Sisson of year 10 (studying Year 11 Digital Media), who has made it into a very exclusive program for Victorian students. Hothouse is a Victorian Government initiative, run by ACMI, which aims to develop the skills of Victoria's most promising screen talents. This opportunity is awarded to only ten students across the state. Roy will come to ACMI for a week of the midyear holidays and get hands-on experience in a fast-paced production studio. He will get advice from leading professionals and a chance to pick their brains about what it's like to work in the industry.

Roy will be working on cutting edge technology, spending an intensive week in the ACMI production studios, mentored by VR professionals. He will get an in-depth learning experience discovering and mastering virtual reality production and the potential this rapidly expanding media form holds. During the week Roy will work on a VR project as part of a team with other like-minded Hothouse participants.

Being part of Hothouse means:

- exploring pathways into further study and careers in and around VR
- taking away new material for your showreel
- considering the diversity of directions for VR in the contemporary screen industry, and
- special access to ACMI resources.

One of the most important features of Hothouse is the opportunity to meet and work collaboratively with other talented young people; to experience the challenges and benefits that come with working as part of a professional team.

To get into this exciting program, Roy had to submit a 'To Camera' Introduction in which he talked directly to a camera, introducing himself and convincing the panel that he should be part of the Hothouse program. Roy also had to write an in-depth review of some existing VR projects.

At the end of the program, Roy will have the opportunity to become a 'Hothouse Ambassador', with opportunities for further special involvement in ACMI events, such as the Intermix program. Warrandyte High is proud to boast of 3 ex-students currently in this program.

Congratulations to Roy on this amazing opportunity, we look forward to seeing and hearing more about his experiences.

Claire Bloom
IT Teacher



Junior Girls AFL

On Thursday 9 June I had the pleasure of taking out our junior girls AFL team. The girls had trained hard at lunch times in the lead up to develop their skills and confidence in the game with a mix of players who had never played before being led by more experienced players. The girls from year 7 – 9 came together well and on the day demonstrated great teamwork skills. They were always positive in their approach and communicated well. The girls took to the field for their first game against Mulluana a little tentative however as soon as the ball was bounced they applied themselves 100% chasing down every ball, tackling hard and working as a team. Their determination and willingness to challenge themselves paid off winning the game 40 to 7. In their second game against Forest Hill the girls had a slower start being held scoreless in the first half. This however did not dampen the girls' attitude as they went into the second half with a very positive mindset setting themselves the challenge to win the second half. With perseverance and continual commitment they achieved their goal winning the second half but losing the game 31 to 13.

After a quick lunch break the girls prepared themselves to play against an unbeaten and much bigger Heathmont team. They went into the game holding their heads held high with a very positive mindset that they had seen improvements in their performance from the first game and were going to give it 100% and have some fun.

It was a tight contest around the ground with girls being down 6 – 24 at half time. To the girls credit however they stayed extremely positive going into the last half setting themselves the challenge to close the gap and finish off the day playing some good football. This is exactly what they did. The girls won the second half 21 to 12 resulting in the final score being 36 to 22. This was by far the tightest contest Heathmont had throughout all their games and this is a real credit to the girls. I could not have been more proud of their efforts, teamwork, perseverance and how much they improved as the game went along. The leaders of the team continually encouraged all players and everyone played their role on the day.

A big thank you goes to Phoebe Joy who used her umpiring skills from sports leadership to be the boundary umpire and also Jordyn Cowan who was unable to play due to injury but took on the role of goal umpire. A special mention must also go to Jemima Pysing who took the lead helping coach the girls on the day and organising them into all their positions. Her leadership skills and effort to provide ongoing support to all players was instrumental in the girls' development in playing the game. The highlight for me for the day was simply seeing the 22 girls across 3 year levels all working together to persevere and encourage each other to perform as best as possible as a team whilst having fun. Well done to all girls involved. You worked hard in the lead up and on the day and your efforts were definitely worthwhile.

Division Cross Country

On Monday 30 May 36 students represented Warrandyte High School at the Mullum Division Cross Country. These students were selected from the house cross country held earlier in the term. All students entered their event with a positive mindset determined to challenge themselves, do their best and represent the school with pride. The results proved this with half the students going through to represent the school at the Eastern Region Finals, the 14 year old girls' team winning their age group and Warrandyte High School coming third overall.

We wished Jackson Murray, Ethan Buchanan, Jordan McCall-Ong, Matt Edge, Heath Paterson, Reilly Groves, Deacon Murray, Josh Clinton, Caitlin Seini, Dedre Van Zyl, Brooke Hellings, Layla Edsell, Chloe Wallace, Natalie Hellings, Alana Charalambous, Kayla Clarke, Clouidy McCarthy and Maddi Jennings the best of luck at the Eastern Region Finals which were held on Tuesday 14th June at Yarra Glen. Thank you also goes out to Mr Robbie Gedge and Mrs Judy Steel who took the students out on the day.

Katie Cook
Sport/PE Leader

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 11 August, Thursday 13 October, 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)

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