



# Gang Gang

## Warrandyte High School

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## Diary Dates

JUNE

### Friday 30 June

Last Day of Term 2:30pm Finish

JULY

### Monday 17 July

First Day of Term 3

### Tuesday 18 July

Year 10 (Year 11 2018) Parent Information Evening – 7pm

### Thursday 20 July

Year 9 (Year 10 2018) Extension Evening – 7pm

### Saturday 22 July- 29 July

Hosting students and teachers from our Chinese sister school

### Monday 24 July

Music Camp departs



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



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.

Students and staff on the Year 11 Central Australia and Kakadu will have now visited 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 winter days.

End of semester reports will be available on the Compass Parent Portal by the end of Term. 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.

Next term Rabia Kazi will be joining us as a Maths and Science teacher. Rabia will be replacing Kathryn Ball who will depart early in Term 3 on Family Leave. Earlier this term Chantelle Wilson commenced her Family Leave and it is with great pleasure that I can announce the arrival of Indiana Wilson, the first child of Chantelle and her husband Nick.

Best wishes for a safe and happy term break.

**Stephen Parkin**  
Principal

### YEAR 7 – 9 LEVEL CAPTAIN 18 Month Appointments!

Congratulations are extended to the following students who have successfully been appointed Year 7 Level Leaders: Emma Coia; Luca Ninaber; Hamish McKinnon; Orlando Martini; Brandon Robb and Chandler Weeks

Congratulations are similarly extended to the following students who have successfully been appointed Year 8 Level Leaders: Ashleigh Plumridge; Hope Watts; Fletcher Konynenburg; Luke Biccari; Elizabeth Silver; Luke Myers; Verity Koomen; Jacob Broad.

We also salute and commend our recently appointed Year 9 Year Level Leaders: Nic Dodds; Matthew Thompson; Owen Kelly; Jorja Carter; Adam Barrow and Caitlyn Bull

Correct all of the above appointments are 18 month appointments. So in effect, the Year 7 leaders of 2017 will indeed be the Year 8 leaders of 2018. Promoting and immersing in our HOMEWORK CLUB will be one of the first concrete activities in which our wonderful year level leaders 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! 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!

Senior school appointments will be finalized exceedingly soon. All year level leaders will be members of our new and vibrant SRC (School Representative Council) Which issues will be raised during their regular meetings? What initiatives will they take charge of? What charities will they support? All these answers will manifest themselves in the latter half of this exciting year.

### The GAT and mid-Year Exams

With a large number of our Year 11 students undertaking a Unit 3&4 subject in 2017, 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

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

## The Great Victorian Bike Ride

The first two training rides for the Great Victorian Bike Ride have got us underway in preparation for the event. It was great to see everyone out braving the fresh start to the morning, with both rides having great conditions through the beautiful scenic route.

We enjoyed some wildlife sighting and were greeted by many other user groups utilizing the stunning trail.

The countdown is definitely on now with the event starting in just under 5 months from now. We hope many others can come enjoy the thrilling trails, working towards their fitness goals and the social aspects that come with being involved.

The next trail on Sunday 23 July, will see the team on the Mullum Mullum/Yarra trail. Departing from Eastland to Fairfield Boathouse and back again with an approximate 50km return trip. This will give us a good insight to see those riders who are committed to going to the event. The deposit payment of \$200 has now been bought forward to 4pm Tuesday 25 July. Please ensure you meet this deadline to give us a good indication of numbers.

Hope to see you all there on 23 July and as always please see Mr Rule for any questions.

**Brendon Rule**  
PE/Health, VET Rec Teacher

## Taking the Challenge – Year 9 Program

Recently all the Year 9s went on an excursion to Box Hill Institute. There we went to the classes that we chose. We all chose 2 subjects that we wanted to study for the day. I chose marketing your music because I enjoy talking and learning about music.

We had a teacher that has and is working with Beyonce, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Foo Fighters and many more. I believe he owns or works there.

Then we had recess and I had a mad chicken parmigiana sandwich. Then I went to my carpentry and plumbing. We made a picture frame with pipes around it. Then we had lunch and after lunch a guy came and we listened to an interesting speech about the Box Hill Institute.

Luka Holcombe – Year 9 student

**Leigh Thomson/Shirley Lu**  
Taking the Challenge

## MUSIC & WRITING CAMP + WRITING & MUSIC CAMP

Whichever way you look at it, it's going to be a GREAT EXPERIENCE.

Monday, July 24 – Wednesday, July 26, 2017  
Camp Arabri, Warburton

The camp is open to ALL students who have an interest in music or writing.

Further details for this event can be accessed through compass.

**Broderick Ashmole and Barry Carozzi**

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.

### On-Site Evacuation Drill

Recently an On-Site Evacuation Drill took

place at Warrandyte High School as part of our ongoing focus on perfecting our emergency management procedures.

The drill was not a whole school place evacuation, indeed we conducted a partial on-site evacuation. All teachers, students and visitors in a particular part of the school deemed to be vulnerable to the threat of our hypothetical threat were promptly evacuated to a different and safe location within the school.

The debriefing which took place with all key players will play an instrumental role in our ongoing commitment towards refining our emergency management procedures.

**J. Caruana**  
Assistant Principal

## 2017 House Captains



Left to right: Luke DeZwart, Ben Davies, Holleigh Mann, Andrea Fidock, Chelsea Black, Adam Smith, Georgia Siddall and Tom Downie

### Term 2 Sports news

Term 2 has continued to be a busy one in the sports department. As an overview the seniors had their last chance to represent the school in AFL and netball whilst the intermediate and Year 8 round robin has day has also occurred. The Year 7 students are training hard for their day where they will represent the school in Netball and Soccer on Thursday 29 June. In addition 44 students represented Warrandyte High School at the Divisional Cross Country where 14 students progressed through to the Eastern Region Cross Country Finals. Students from Warrandyte High continually represent the school with pride, determination and passion, challenging themselves at all times to perform at their best.

For some of our students the senior AFL and netball was the last opportunity for them to represent the school before they head towards exams in Semester 2. Both the netball and AFL teams went off determined that their last sports day would be one they would remember. The netball girls fought hard throughout the day playing a total of 7 games. In each game they worked hard and preserved, demonstrating excellent determination and teamwork skills.

The football boys went in a little undermanned with only 15 players but this did not stop them. Their first game they came out fighting and convincingly beat Templestowe. This left the final game between Warrandyte and Mullauna to determine the overall winners. The game was very tightly contested with Warrandyte narrowly going down. The boys should be proud of their efforts and with many of them being Year 11 students look

forward to going one step further next year. For those students in Year 12 who participated in their final interschool sport competition I congratulate and thank them all for the efforts they have put in over the many years and wish them the best of luck with their future sporting endeavours.

### Netball, Soccer and AFL

On the intermediate day a total of approximately 50 year 9 and 10 students went out and represented the school in girl's netball, soccer and AFL. All teams worked hard throughout the day playing multiple games and coming up against some tough competition. The girl's netball worked well as team continually encouraging each other and came away with a few wins.

Both the boys' soccer and AFL came runners up on the day which was a fantastic effort. The AFL went down to the wire with a kick for goal by Warrandyte near the siren being adjudicated as being touched which resulted in them going down by under a goal. Again this was a fantastic effort by the boys who throughout the day continually challenged themselves as worked as a team to achieve success. The boys' soccer team played multiple games throughout the day which left their final game against Forest Hill to determine who would be the overall winners. Against a very strong team the boys worked hard and never gave up. They showed real sportsmanship and pride and even though they were convincingly defeated, they never gave up.

### Divisional Cross Country

Monday 29 May saw 44 Warrandyte High School students attend the divisional cross country at H.E Parker Reserve in Heathmont. Students competed in events ranging in 3km and 5km distances. All students went out hard wanting to get a good start and gave 100% in their events. A special mention to Alana Charalambous who came first in the 15 year old female event and Olivia Jennings who came third in the 13year old event. The 15 year old girls also need to be congratulated as they won the team event for their age group (Alana Charalambous, Chloe Wallace,

Natalie Hellings, Brooke Hellings, Layla Edsell and Josephine Preston).

Overall Warrandyte High School finished third which was a fantastic effort by all participants. From the Division cross country 14 students were then selected to represent the school at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals on Tuesday 20 June. The students headed off to Yarra Glen Race Course for the event and whilst the sun was shining it was still a cold and frosty day. A special congratulations to Olivia Jennings who has progressed onto the state cross country finals to be held at the start of term 3. We wish her the very best.

### Year 8 Round Robin

The other sports competition that has been run is the Year 8 round robin day. Students trained hard in their chosen sport of soccer, AFL, netball and badminton before heading out for the day. The girls' netball consisted on 2 teams where both teams worked hard throughout the day playing in a total of 7 games. The A team started off strong winning their first 3 games before coming up against some tough competition. Through these games they continued to persevere, work as a team and encourage each other. They then finished the day off strong convincingly winning their final game and finishing the day in 3rd position. The B team had a tough day however it was great to them continually persevere and challenge themselves to improve each game. Thank you goes to Alana Charalambous and Brie Ting who coached the B team on the day demonstrating some excellent leadership qualities.

The Year 8 soccer team had a tough draw however this did not deter them. They went into each game with a positive mindset and prepared for the challenge. Each game they worked on their skills and strategy to keep the competition tight. Whilst they didn't come away with a win they are still to be congratulated on how they worked as a team and encouraged each other. The boys' AFL team played a total of 4 games throughout the day. Whilst they had 2 convincing wins their final game was much closer however the boys stuck together, played to their strengths and came away victorious on the day.

In the badminton competition Warrandyte entered 3 girls' teams and 1 boys' team. The boys' team

came up against some very tough competition, however, they went into each game with a positive attitude and improved throughout the day. The girls' teams all played some great games with the A team winning through to the next level. We wish Leah Charalambous, Sophia Edge, May Griffiths and Dedre Van Zyl the best of luck as they progress to the Eastern Region Finals in August.

### 2017 Pierre de Coubertin Award

In addition to students representing the school at interschool sport competitions a few students have been recognised for special awards this term. On Friday 23 June, Eilish Kelly was awarded the 2017 Pierre de Coubertin award. This award recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities.

Eilish is a highly motivated sportswoman who always gives 100%. She always participates with integrity, ensures all team mates are involved and inspires others to achieve their best. She has achieved success in multiple sports including athletics, netball and hockey. Her positive attitude, competitive nature, and commitment to everything that she involves herself in, makes her an excellent role model. Eilish is a natural leader and has taken on multiple leadership positions whilst at Warrandyte High School. We congratulate Eilish on the fantastic contributions she has made to the Warrandyte High School interschool's sports program over the many years and we wish her all the greatest of success with all her future sporting endeavours.

### Tennis

Lastly, Finn Martin was nominated to try out for the 12 year old School Sports Victoria tennis team. Over 200 students were nominated to try out with the top 40 students being selected to attend trials. On Day 1 of the trials, Finn dominated her competition, demonstrating exceptional skills, excellent court awareness and strategy and a keen desire to learn and give her best. This resulted in her being selected in the top 16 players overall and being asked to attend a second day of try-outs where the top 7 players would be selected into the Victorian team.

On the second day, the competition was stepped

up and Finn did not let herself down. She competed fiercely, listened to all feedback provided to her and gave 100% giving herself the best opportunity to be selected. Whilst at the end of the day Finn unfortunately was not selected into the Victorian team, finishing in the top 16 of the state is an excellent achievement that requires recognition. Finn is very dedicated to her tennis and a very determined player and the experience of playing against the top Victorian players only inspires Finn to continue to develop her game. Well done Finn on firstly being selected to try-out and then on your efforts on both the try-out days. Warrandyte High School wishes you the best of luck with all your future endeavours in Tennis and we are sure to hear about many years of success to come.

**Katie Cook**  
Sports Coordinator

### Year 10 Work Experience 2017

The last week of term two and the year ten students are right in the middle of Work Experience. Work experience provides many benefits, giving students skills and experience that will allow them to stand out to potential employers as well as helping them choose the right sector to work in. Work experience is an important part of becoming 'workplace-ready' as it helps to building useful skills that can only be gained in the work place. Another benefit is that students may make contacts in industry that they otherwise would not have.

Students from Warrandyte High School are experiencing a wide variety of industries. Here is a sample of placements that our students have organised. Builders, carpenters, plumbers, dance studios, hospital emergency department, primary schools, Australian Football League, Peter Stevens Motorcycles, Island Surf Boards, National Australia Bank, lawyers, Lilydale Flying School, hair dressers, Designworks Clothing manufactures, Catering, Leisure Centres, Member of Parliament, Information Technology, Car Dealerships, Real Estate, Dance Studios, Supermarkets and a range of other retail businesses. I look forward to seeing our students next term to hear some of their stories.

**Martin Yates**  
Careers Leader

## URGENTLY REQUIRED !

### CROYDON CITY ARROWS

are seeking additional Talented, Passionate

## U/14 SOCCER PLAYERS

to participate during the remaining 2017 season.

If you are interested and would like to register to

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**0488 999 778**



## Wants You

**We need players for all age groups: Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 both boys and girls**

Come and join us and make some new friends

### Why should I join?

- Basketball is an indoor non-contact sport that can be played throughout the school year.
- Our committed coaches will teach you how to play basketball and in the process you will develop your skills, teamwork and fitness.
- Your team will train with your coach for an hour, once a week at our Graysharps rd stadium.
- Girl's games are held weekdays at the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, Civic Drive.
- Boy's games are all on Saturday and are held at either the Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium, Community Bank Stadium (Diamond Creek) or at Parade College.

**Organise yourself and your friends to go online and register for next season**

For more information

Go to our website, download our team app or contact:

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