



Gang Gang

Warrandyte High School

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Diary Dates

JULY

Thursday 28 July

Australian Maths Competition
9-10am

Thursday 28 July

Year 12 TIS Parent Information
Night – 7pm

Tuesday 2 August

Year 10 Magistrates Court
visit

Wednesday 3 August

Teen Mental Health First Aid

Thursday 4 August

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 4 August

Intermediate Sport sign ups

Thursday 4 August

Year 9 Course Counselling

Monday 8 August

Senior Girls Hockey

Tuesday 9 August

Year 10 Magistrates Court visit

Thursday 11 August

Year 9 Course Counselling

Friday 12 August

Year 7 Badminton

Sunday 14 August

Working Bee

Course Counselling and Subject Selection

Planning for 2017 has commenced at Warrandyte High School. Over the next four weeks all students at Years 9-12 will have at least one, one-on-one counselling session with our Careers Leader or a member of the senior school counselling team. Some big decisions need to be made, with electives for Years 9 and 10 (2017) and VCE subjects for Years 10, 11 and 12 (2017) being selected as well as Tertiary courses for departing Year 12s being explored. The process of subject and course selection is a joint one between the school, the student and parents. To assist in this there are a number of parent information evenings over the next couple of weeks to explain the process of subject and course selection. The first one, for Year 11 (2017), was held last Thursday. It was great to see so many parents there to support their children in the decisions being made. Please check the Compass calendar for more information on upcoming information night dates and times. Parents are also more than welcome to join in the course counselling sessions. Appointments can be made for these by contacting Careers Leader Martin Yates on



9844 2749 or via email at careers@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Parent Opinion Survey

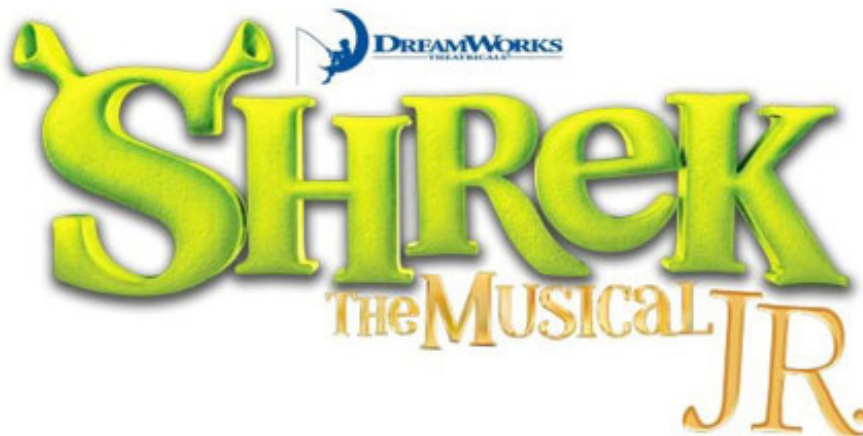
Once again it's time for the annual Parent Opinion Survey. This is a vitally important source of parent feedback which significantly impacts on future planning and improvement strategies. The survey is confidential and designed to protect the identity of individual respondents.

The number of parents we can survey each year is dictated by the Department of Education and it is critical that we receive back from our parents a statistically significant number of responses. If you are one of our randomly selected families who receive a survey please take the time to fill in the survey and return it to school. The survey will take you no longer than 20 minutes to complete and must be returned to the school by Friday 29th July 2016.

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this, if you have any questions please call the General Office on 9844 2749.

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.

Sessions

Thursday 25 August 6.30pm - Opening Night

Friday 26 August 7.30pm

Saturday 27 August 1.30pm - Matinee

Saturday 27 August 7.30pm - Closing Night

To book tickets go to the Shrek section on the school website's home page

Principal: Dr Stephen Parkin

Assistant Principal: Joseph Caruana

School Captains:

Tylar Findlay and Ben Willis



Warrandyte high school's homework club

The Warrandyte High School HOMEWORK CLUB is off to a flying start. It was wonderful seeing so many students, from across all year levels, taking advantage of this wonderful learning and study opportunity.

This week alone, over 25 students attended The Homework Club. Already I would like to acknowledge the many teachers and newly appointed Year Level Captains as well as members of the Senior Student Leadership Team who have been actively supported this exciting initiative.

What is The Homework Club and when is it on? The Homework Club is on every Monday in the school library from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and it is an opportunity for students to come and study, to work on their schoolwork and homework either individually or in groups. Close at hand are our army of volunteer teachers and students, ready to lend a helping hand.

Already the teachers who have volunteered their services include: Antonella Bitte, Robert Atkinson, Robert Gedge, Leah Thompson, Chantelle Wilson and Ernee Greenwood. Already the Year Level Captains and Senior Leadership students who have volunteered their services include: Emma Dodds, Noah Willis, Ben Davies, Daemon Moorfoot, Brett Watkinson, Tylar Findlay and Ashleigh Plumridge. Many more have already participated, offering their services and taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity – the above listed names are a mere sample of the wonderful engagement with this exciting initiative thus far.

What are you waiting for? Come along to The Homework Club this coming Monday at 3.30pm in the library. A special thank you is extended to Ernee Greenwood who has been playing an instrumental role in this exciting learning opportunity.



The Music and Writing Concert

I had the privilege of attending Warrandyte High School's Music and Writing Concert on Wednesday 20 July. It was standing room only inside the theatre. Fresh from the Music and Writers Camp, the students were engaging and exceedingly entertaining. The poetry and prose was poignant whilst the musical numbers reflected a true level of exciting talent! I would like to sincerely thank Brod Ashmole, Barry Carozzi and indeed all of the music staff as well as all of the many talented students for putting together a night of magic!

Joe Caruana
Assistant Principal



Library News

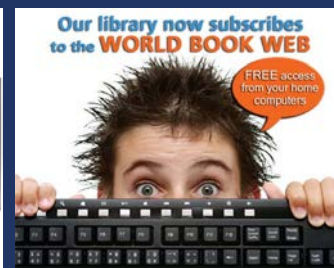
Term 3 is always a good time to visit the library. When the weather outside is unpleasant the library provides, not only a warm and dry space, but also a variety of activities to stave off boredom or to ignite interest.

The 3D printer has been churning out some interesting pieces; in particular Martin Tomich in year 11 has been industriously designing his own files for printing. After some trial and error with initial designs Martin has produced unique pieces he can use as part of his VCE Design and Technology and

Later this term we will be running a lunchtime project involving coding, electronics, 3D printing and gardening... stay tuned... more will be revealed in future Gang Gangs and on Compass!

The cooler months are a good time to take up knitting or crochet. These age old skills are back in vogue with hand knits and crocheted items appearing in the pages of fashion magazines and on social media. Students who want to be at the forefront of this trend should visit the library at lunchtimes and make the most of the wool, patterns and expertise available. And if you don't want to make something for yourself you can contribute to a group project of creating blankets for charity.

In our Makerspace we are always looking for new things students can learn about and make... any parents or grandparents, friends or family who have a skill or expertise they think they could share are welcome to join us. Just give me a call and we can arrange something.



New Books

So many new titles have come in this month, in particular new Graphic novel titles. This genre is proving to be immensely popular and a great way to develop reading and visual literacy skills while enjoying a great story.

This month sees the introduction of the manga series Tokyo Ghoul which adds to our growing collection which includes Naruto, Bleach, Vampyre Knight and One Piece.

We have also purchased some of the Marvel titles such as Uncanny X Men and Fantastic 4 and the latest from blogger Joe Sugg.

Come in and check out our display of all these great new titles.

Good news! Our library now subscribes to the **World Book eBook Series** with access to hundreds of World Book publications as well as classic Open Access Books. Our World Book eBook subscription allows us to give you and your family access to all the eBook titles at home 24/7, using your computer or mobile device.

To access the World Book eBook titles, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.worldbookonline.com
2. Enter Username: `warrandytehs`
3. Enter Password: `library`
4. Save your user name and password for faster login – simply tick the box labelled "Remember my ID and password". The next time you visit World Book the login prompt will already contain your username and password.
5. Click on the eBook icon. Bookmark the page or add to favourites for easy access to World Book eBooks in the future.

Judy Steel
Library News

Writing Camp

Louise Lenay lives in Balmoral, in the foothills of the Grampians, and on the edge of Rocklands Dam. She and her husband have lived on the 150 acre property - a former Rose Nursery - for over a decade. Louise was a star actress in the iconic Australian series Prisoner, and has written episodes of Neighbours, Home and Away, MDA, Blue Heelers and many other well-known TV series. She has also worked as a senior script editor for many Australian drama and comedy shows.

Louise ran writing workshops at our Annual Music & Writers' Camp at Camp Arribri. She focussed on two or three major aspects of writing; creating believable characters and writing believable dialogue and engaging with our readers. Louise spoke about using short sentences to create tension, and invited students to give that a try. Nic Dodds came up with the following:

She takes the shortcut across the swamp. Her curfew had ended an hour before. She can hear what her parents will say when she gets home. Her heart pounds in her chest, getting ready for the scolding of her life. The lights in her house are on. She knows she's in trouble now. Her skirt flaps in the cold night breeze as she rushes across the field to the house. Then she hears a bang.

There were also workshops on writing poetry. The writers performed a group piece at the Music Camp concert, and it was repeated at the Principal's Assembly.

The camp unearthed some fine young poets, one of whom was Anya Tyssen. Her poem is almost a haiku; it is certainly a demonstration of the power poets have to express powerful emotions in very few words:

It creeps up on you

The realisation

School will soon be done.

Barry Carozzi



Warrandyte High School Music and Writing Camp



On the Monday the 18th, Tuesday the 19th and Wednesday 20th of July musicians and writers of Warrandyte High School attended a Music and Writing Camp at Arribri Lodge, East Warburton.

For writers the camp involved a series of workshops, guest presenters and the chance to write a range of pieces including poems, short stories and songs.

Under the direction of their instrumental teachers, music students used the time to learn and rehearse a number of pieces to add their repertoire.

The time spent writing and rehearsing on camp culminated in a concert on the Wednesday night, allowing the students to present the pieces they had worked on during their time away.

Our writers and musicians delivered inspiring performances to a packed theatre and the evening was a testament to the dedication of the students and their teachers.

A big thank you to students, parents and staff for their ongoing support of the Music Program at Warrandyte High School and for making the camp and concert such a success.

**Brod Ashmole,
Music Leader**



Hello Everyone

It is a while since I last let you know how I am going. This week I turn 8 months old and with that my world widens again.

I am scheduled to go on the 'Tram Travel and Puppy Walk' in early August which is a 'Puppy Socialisation Session' organised by Guide Dogs Victoria. I will meet my brothers and sisters and puppies from six other litters. We are all about the same age so what fun or mayhem. Actually no, along with the new experience of having a tram ride we need to learn to remain calm and well behaved in the presence of other dogs.

I am continuing to visit strip shopping centres, supermarkets and other shops. I am so much better in supermarkets now but I still tend to bark when I am in smaller shops/buildings. However I am getting better.

I had a walk with Kathryn, Puppy Advisor, in Croydon during the holidays. We went on to the train station platform. As there were no trains coming I was able

to experience looking down at the railway line. That height doesn't really bother me. We then continued on down the main street of Croydon and Kathryn found an open iron stairway. This I didn't like. No matter how much coaxing I was not going up those scary steps. Maybe next time when I am a bit older I will conquer that experience.

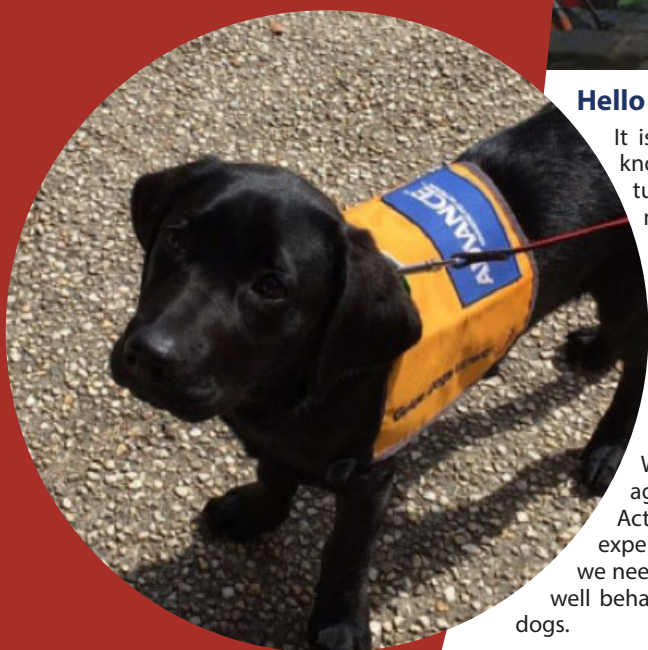
During the school holidays I had a week with a family in Warrandyte whilst Jill had a holiday in Queensland. This family had two older ex guide dog puppies that played with me. We also went walking beside the river with people and their dogs. It was a lot of fun.

Now that Jill is back we are back into training mode and I have been into Radiology, hairdressers, dry cleaners, supermarkets and takeaways. My barking lets me down but I am trying.

I visited the Guide Dog Vet today because my kennel cough hasn't cleared up. I caught that from the Dog Lovers Show back in April and haven't been able to shake it off. This will be my fourth treatment but the vet said that I will be fine and slowly get better. I am not off my food or playing with Quinn, it is just that I cough every now and then. I don't mind the medication or the cough syrup because it just goes in my meal.

Please come and visit me, I love the attention and it is really good for my socialisation.

Love Nerida





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)



What a Year 10 Humanities Week!

Friday July 15 was the day that 45 year 10 students got to experience driving a manual car even though most hadn't turned 16 or obtained their learners permit.

Filled with nervous energy, students were unusually quiet on the bus trip to Kilsyth. On arrival there were some quick trips to the toilet and some serious fingernail biting. Then it was down to business, driving on the Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre's own eight hectare 'off road' complex, in dual controlled manual cars, with licensed and experienced instructors. The day incorporated both theoretical and practical content, covering such things as road safety, transmission of power, use of pedals, clutch, observation, hazards, car control, laws, gear changing, steering, three point turns, hand brake starts and reversing

Definitely a good time was had by all judging by some of the student's comments:

So Enjoyed It

Speeding is fun

Madness

Nearly died 14 times

I hate the clutch

The burnouts were awesome

It was slick

My confidence in driving a manual went up heaps

Best Day Ever

I feel like I could get my licence tomorrow

I wasn't allowed to drift

I liked my helper dude



As an instructor you should feel like a sports coach and there are two resources to help you.

The VicRoads Learner Kit given to all successful learner permit applicants contains the booklet Guide for Supervising Drivers that is essential reading – make sure you ask your son or daughter to pass it on! The second resource is the online Lessons from the Road resource.

Lessons from the Road features eight videos. The videos showcase the emotions and real life issues in learning to drive. They help you work through the four stages required to help learners achieve their goals. Lessons from the Road is easy to use and can be accessed on the VicRoads website at vicroads.vic.gov.au and search "Lessons from the Road".

Research shows that learners who gain experience with parents have about 20% lower crash and traffic offence rates once they are licensed than learners who only take professional lessons. Research also shows that on average learners who gain an average of 120 hours of supervised on-road experience in all conditions have a 30% lower risk of crashing after getting a licence. VicRoads strongly recommends watching Lessons from the Road. Helping your son or daughter to be a safer driver is the one Rewards Program you can't afford to miss out on!

**Christena Gazeas
Humanities Teacher**

KEYS PLEASE

Following the METEC experience our Year 10s were paid a visit by Keys Please. This positive and proactive VicRoads program, introduced learner drivers to the different driving skills and experiences needed to become responsible and safe licensed drivers – including the importance of forming positive partnerships with their parent(s) or supervising driver, and the need to acquire 120 hours of driving in all driving conditions. Sharon Torpey, the presenter, kept the audience entertained and informed. The question and answer session highlighted how daunting teaching a learner driver actually is. Many thanks to Brittany Williams, Tom Davis and Luke De Zwart for volunteering for the simulation game.

Keys Please for Parents/Supervising Instructors

What could be more challenging and rewarding than supervising your son or daughter on their learner permit so they can become a safer driver?

Parents and carers have an important role in helping their young people develop the skills and attitudes they need to become safer drivers.



Warrandyte Junior Cricket Club Registration Day

Saturday 30 July 2016 : 9.00am-11.00am
@ Warrandyte Sports Clubrooms, Taroon Ave, Warrandyte
Girls and boys welcome

Registrations open for all teams:

- Under 10's - \$110.00
- Under 12's - \$190.00
- Under 14's - \$190.00
- Under 16's - \$190.00

Personalised playing shirts, hoodies and other cricketing apparel will be available to order on the day.
All new players will receive a WCC cap.
EFTPOS facilities available.

Enquiries: WCC Junior Coordinator, Janie Lawson on 0434 827 919 or junioradmin@warrandytecc.com
WCC also runs a Milo In2Cricket Program for younger children 4 – 9 years of age (played on Friday evenings)
Enquiries: Milo In2Cricket Coordinator, Steve Pascoe 0431 170 963

WCC GIRL'S & WOMEN'S CRICKET

The Cricket season begins early October 2016 and Warrandyte Cricket Club are seeking new players. Last season we had a Women's Development Squad with the girls training on a Thursday evening and then playing either in our Under 16's team or one of our Senior Teams on a Saturday. The girls had a lot of fun and we were able to start to develop skills and the WCC was able to accommodate everyone who wanted to play regardless of age or their stage of development. This season we are planning to enter an open age team (aged 15 years and above) into the Women's competition. Younger girls will also be welcome and will have the opportunity to participate in our Junior teams (Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's & Under 16's).

For enquiries contact:

Club President: Greg Warren. Phone: 0412 368 078
Junior Coordinator: Janie Lawson. Phone: 0434 827 919
Club website: www.warrandytecc.com

Sunday 7th August 2016
2pm - 4pm

30 Year Anniversary

Deep Creek Preschool is
turning 30!

Past and present families
welcome

bite to eat, face painting,
magician, other fun activities
and raffle prizes to be won

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