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 nights 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 the 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

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
From the Assistant Principal

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 school library. Close at hand are our army of volunteer teachers and students, ready to lend a helping hand.

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

The Music and Writing Concert

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
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She takes the shortcut across the swamp. Her curfew
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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

Love Nerida
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:

I liked my helper dude
I wasn't allowed to drift
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.

To mention just a few of the latest benefits made possible by our fundraising, we have:

- 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

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)
Warrandyte Junior Cricket Club
Registration Day

Saturday 30 July 2016 : 9.00am-11.00am
@ Warrandyte Sports Clubrooms, Taroona 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

510 Blackburn Road, Doncaster East Vic 3109

Deep Creek Preschool