Diary Dates

Thursday 21 September
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
12pm - 8pm (Normal classes will not be held on this day, students are to accompany parents to interviews)
VCE English Practice Exam

Friday 22 September
Last Day of Term 3 (Periods will be shortened and the school day will end at 2.30pm. See Compass for revised bell times)

Saturday 30 September
Italy Trip departs

Monday 9 October
Term 4 Commences

Tuesday 10 October
Intermediate Boys Hockey Final

Young Frankenstein – The Musical

Last week Warrandyte High School proudly hosted the 2017 musical production of Mel Brooks’ Young Frankenstein. Three evening and one matinee performance took place and the students did an amazing job. The singing and dancing and script delivery was utterly entertaining and refreshing. It was so lovely to see students from all year levels, from Year 7 all the way to Year 12 participating in this magical experience.

A huge thank you is extended to one of our Drama and English teachers, Ms Mikaela Fall who did an awesome job at codirecting and producing the show with the highly talented, Lachlan McKay. One of our parents, Jo Hambleton did a fantastic job at preparing so many vibrant costumes for so many cast members. Staff member, Olivia Burrows was the choreographer and she too did an exceedingly impressive job. How cool was the “Puttin on the Ritz” number? A huge thankyou is also extended to Ben Dodds, another of our awesome parents. Ben coordinated a group of equally wonderful volunteer parents who constructed and prepared the amazing sets. Warrandyte High – you did it again in 2017!

Student Leaders

Our very active student leaders successfully organised a free dress day recently. The chosen charity was the Relay for Life, cancer research charity. Our student leaders have also recently launched the Kahoot Club which is open to all students, run by students and planned by students. This exciting club takes place every Friday lunchtime in C11.

Interim Reports/ Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences

Interim Reports have indeed been available since last week. The last edition of the Gang Gang contains all the details regarding the Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences which always take place in the last week of Term 3. Our school website provides easy access to all former editions of the Gang Gang!

Italy Tour – 2017 – about to start!

The time is almost here! On grand final day, September 30, a fantastic group of students from Year 8, 9 and 10 will be joining myself and fellow staff member Kelleigh Lamb as we board the plane bound for Italy!

What fun we will have! The history! The art! The food! The learning! The life changing experience! Our amazing experience will include: exploring the magical canals of Venice; discovering the enchantment of the eternal city, Rome and immersing in the sheer poetry that is Florence. The Warrandyte High School Italy Experience happens every second year. How wonderful, no? Won’t you join us for a pizza in La Spezia? Or perhaps a Sicilian canoli in Venice?

Joseph Caruana - Assistant Principal
Melbourne Writer’s Festival

To celebrate Book Week in August a group of avid readers once again journeyed into Federation Square for Melbourne Writer’s Festival. We listened to Amie Kaufman and Diem Nguyen talk about Fan Fiction. Fan fiction is fiction about characters or settings from an original work of fiction, created by fans of that work rather than by its creator. Amie Kaufman is a New York Times and internationally bestselling author of young adult fiction. Her latest series, co-authored with Jay Kristoff, began in 2015 with the international bestseller Illuminae and has now been followed by Gemina, which are available in our library. Diem Nguyen is the creator and producer of Bookish Friends, a book podcast that discusses and reviews young adult novels. The aim of her podcast is to share her enthusiasm and passion for books, especially to younger readers, and it can be accessed here: https://bookishfriendsblog.wordpress.com Well worth a listen!

A second session titled ‘How I came to Australia’ featured stories from Abdi Aden, Adolfo Aranjuez and Sasha Petrova about how they came to Australia and their experiences of making Australia their new home. Abdi Aden was forced to flee his home in Mogadishu due to Somalia’s shattering civil war. Separated from his family, he spent the next years doing what he could to survive in Romania before arriving in Melbourne alone. At this time, he was just 16 years old. His memoir, Shining, is available in our library. Adolfo Aranjuez is the editor of Metro, Australia’s oldest film and media periodical. He is also the subeditor of Screen Education magazine and a freelance writer, speaker and dancer. Sasha Petrova is a Melbourne-based writer and journalist who works as a health and medicine editor at The Conversation. She immigrated from Russia with her family when she was eight years old, and lived as a refugee in Swaziland and New Zealand, before finally settling in Australia. She finally feels she may have found home.

In our third session we heard three popular Australian authors, Cath Crowley (Words in Deep Blue, Graffiti Moon, Chasing Charlie Duskin and The Gracie Faltrain Trilogy) Simmone Howell (Notes from the Teenage Underground. Everything Beautiful, Girl Defective) and Fiona Wood (Six Impossible Things, Wildlife) talk about their latest collaboration Take Three Girls. Each writer was responsible for the development of one character in this novel which explores the nature of teenage experiences and approaches to writing. A highlight of the day was visiting the Dragon Gallery which houses Melbourne’s Chinese Dragon, Dai Loong the Millennium Dragon, the longest processional dragon in the world! It takes 38 men and women to operate him. His head alone weighs over 200kg and requires 8 strong adults to carry it! You’ve probably seen Dai Loong showcased on Melbourne’s streets during festivals including Moomba and Chinese New Year. Students learnt that Melbourne has played a unique role in reinstating professional dragon parades to post Cultural Revolution China! 9292 metres on his body and with a procession involving over 200 participants.

After lunch in Chinatown and lots of photos taken, many of which were immediately sent back to the students’ families and former schools, all students agreed that Chinatown is a wonderful tribute to the long association between our two countries!

Attention Year 9-11 students

Order your CAS calculator now for 2018!

If you are planning to study VCE General, Further, Maths Methods or Specialist Maths next year you WILL NEED a CAS calculator. Warrandyte High uses the Casio CLASSPAD II CP-400.

We can do a special offer of $225 (including an extended 2 year warranty, and a free soft case).

You need to reserve your CAS by sending Mr Gedge an email on Compass by Friday 25th September

Otherwise you will be paying up to $239

Judy Steel
PLTT Leader /Librarian

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CHINESE MUSEUM VISIT

Students from the English Language Centre recently spent a great day visiting the Chinese Museum in Melbourne’s Chinatown. The purpose of the visit was to learn about the long history of the Chinese community in Victoria which spans over 160 years, and to gain an appreciation of Chinese–Australian culture.

Amongst other things, the museum provided a fascinating look at Victoria’s gold rush and the role the Chinese played on the gold fields of Bendigo and Ballarat. Students entered a simulated underground mine which truly captured the feel of the tough gold rush conditions. Memorabilia from the mines was also exhibited. Students were most fascinated with the samples of Chinese medicine which was brought out at that time.

As we walked through the museum, we came across a beautiful stone statue of a Chinese warrior. One student, Vincent, was delighted to realize that it had been imported, along with other artefacts, from his hometown of Xi’an! Students also participated in the ancient art of Chinese Knotting, learning its history and tradition. Everyone left with their own hand made, knotted keychain which they made using the ancient craft.

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If you haven’t yet visited the Chinese Museum, go and see it!

(A special exhibition of the Han Dynasty showcases some wonderful artefacts and is so popular, its season has been extended to 2018).

Wendy Tziotis
English Language Centre
Zine making: words + art + identity Workshop

September 5th saw a group of budding writers head into the State Library of Victoria for a zine making workshop and tour. The hands-on workshop explored how authors have expressed themselves through art and zines from medieval times to today's contemporary scene.

Students learnt zine-making techniques from and created their own take-home zine. They also enjoyed a tour of the magnificent State Library and the Self Made: zines and artist books exhibition.

Once back at school participants were eager to finish what they had started in the workshop and zine making workshops will be available at lunchtimes in the library for the rest of term 3 and into term 4. So, come along and start creating.

Judy Steel  
PLTT Leader / Librarian

A zine is most commonly a small-circulation self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images, usually reproduced via photocopier. Usually zines are the product of a single person, or of a very small group.

eSmart - Cyber safety

Congratulations! We are very proud to announce that Warrandyte High School has now attained eSmart Status! This is a wonderful achievement.

What is an eSmart School?

Through Gang Gang we will continue to provide information and access to resources to help parents and students navigate the online landscape and develop skills and behaviours to ensure safe and responsible digital use.

Leigh Thomson & Judy Steel  
eSmart Team

To download this booklet go to:  

Check out the year 9 Cyber Safety advice on the Library Window…..

7.30 Report 12/9/2017 – A must see for all parents and teenagers. In this report the dangers of online predators and the dark web are exposed. A great opportunity for parents and their children to watch together and start a conversation …

http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/7-30/NC1705H154S00#

Judy Steel  
PLTT Leader / Librarian
**Food Studies**

This week in Year 11 our Food Studies class students developed a design brief for a healthy tapas-style product. The range and quality of recipes produced by the class was outstanding. Here is a just a few of the products produced:

- Garlic Parmesan Hasselback potatoes
- Pork dumplings
- Mini spinach, bacon and parmesan quiche
- Chorizo taquitos with chilli salsa
- Homah noodle soup
- Spring rolls
- Fried calamari squid

**Year 10 Food Technology**

Year 10s have also been busy investigating, designing and evaluating a recipe using at least one main ingredient from our Kitchen Garden. Check out the fantastic array of recipes that were produced. Great work!

*Food Studies Teacher*  
Leigh Thomson

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**CFA**

Our students have been to the Warrandyte Station for three visits so far and the experience has been great. So far we have been shown how to use the hoses and branches from a fire truck and hydrant. This is from set up to cleaning up of the equipment.

Our first visit allowed the volunteers (James, Renee and Sean) the opportunity to show the students the station and fire trucks. The students had the chance to board and look around the trucks as well as look at the other vehicles the CFA have at Warrandyte.

Our students have had the experience of setting up a fire truck. On our second and third visits the students were put into teams and then shown how to set up. They then practised and were eventually timed from the beginning of set up to the packing up of the equipment.

A big thank you to Sean Warren and Cameron Jones for their expertise and to the Warrandyte CFA volunteers who have made this possible.

Next term we are heading to the South Eastern Training Grounds to put into practice all our training.

*Mr Kahukiuwa*  
CFA Leader

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**Year 11 Health: Mercy Hospital for Women Excursion**

On the 13th of September, the Year 11 Health and Human Development class had the privilege of attending a seminar at the ‘Mercy Hospital for Women’, in Heidelberg, to further develop our understanding and knowledge of foetal health and the health of a woman during pregnancy.

The day consisted of learning about how a baby is conceived, how the baby grows in the uterus, and what factors affect the mother and baby’s health during pregnancy. This excursion was very hands on and a lot of fun. We even got to see a real placenta and newborn babies!

Many thanks to the staff at the hospital for an informative and enjoyable day, and for allowing us to grow our mindset regarding prenatal health and care.

*Dylan Jennings*  
Year 11 Health Student

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**VET SPORT and RECREATION 3 & 4**

On Wednesday 6 September the VET Sport and Recreation 3-4 class set off on our three day sailing camp at “The Victorian Sailing School” located right on Eastern Beach, Geelong. The camp comprises of theory lessons on sailing and water safety, plus practical sailing experience. None of the class had any previous sailing experience, however by the end of the camp all were able to rig the boats, read weather conditions.

Day one comprised of a theory lesson in the morning then sailing in the afternoon. As a strong wind warning had been issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, meaning wind strengths between 26 and 33 knots, conditions didn’t allow for students to sail independently in the Evny 4.3 sail boats. Instead, students sailed the large dolphin Sail Boats with an instructor in each boat. The students, as a whole, did a great job, due to them paying careful attention to morning’s theory lesson.

In the evening, we played Laser Tag in Geelong and for the second year in a row the grey haired PE teacher (me) showed the younger more agile players (the VET REC students) how to win.

Day two, we were presented again presented with a strong wind warning and thus again sailed the Dolphin Boats with an instructor in each boat. With these strong winds plus the experience of the day before, the students were able to experience some fast challenging sailing. Plus a visit in the distance of a pod of real dolphins.

By the time day three rolled around, all of the group were now capable sailors, being able to rig, tack, jibe, beat, navigate through congested waters. A bonus of today’s sailing was a close up visit (close enough to touch) for a couple of boats was another visit from a pod of Dolphins that decided to have a play with the boats.

I’d like to thank Sophie Stewart for accompanying on the camp and commend the behaviour of the group who were at all times a credit to Warrandyte High School.

*Martin Yates*  
VET Sport & Recreation 3 & 4 Teacher
This term our focus has been on My Community. Students in Year 9 have been participating in a variety of fantastic activities during this term to build their links with the community. Here is a snapshot of what’s been going on………

Colin working with Rhys and Matthew to build a chicken coop for the Kitchen Garden.

Students have been documenting their journey on their community projects and activities in their Taking the Challenge journals. Many students have been working on their Passion to Action projects. We are excited next week to view the films students have been creating highlighting their passions.

Students working on banners to be displayed in C block while another group of students are creating a fruit mural to be displayed in the newly painted Food Technology kitchen. Thanks girls!!

Taking the Challenge Team
Hello Everyone

I continue with the supermarket shopping experiences. I have graduated to walking alongside the supermarket trolley. The time in the supermarket is a lot longer now so I need to concentrate a lot more. Receiving treats always keeps me on track.

Just lately, I have been visiting the Guide Dog Vet for conjunctivitis. A few drops and I am good to go. The Vet says it is just the season and an allergy to whatever grasses I am running through. My belly is a little unsettled so I have some medicine for that. Medicine is okay as it makes me feel a lot better and going on my food, I do not notice it too much.

I have been visiting the beach lately and running through the waves with Quinn. There is so much to sniff and taste on the sand but the ‘leave it’ command comes my way every time. However if I do ‘leave it’ I am rewarded so that is a good thing.

I have also met some cows and horses. The cows kept their distance but the horses, Patrick and Bud, were very friendly and sniffed me. Even though they are huge, I do not find them scary.

I attended a local football grand final with lots of people yelling, screaming and banging on iron creating so much noise. I was very calm and unperturbed by the noise. Jill was amazed and kept giving me treats for being so good. I have this worked out.

Keep visiting me, as I love the cuddles. Love Reggie

Year 9

Taking the Challenge KIOSK Day

On the day our students were put into three groups. Each group had an opportunity to explore the possibilities of robotics in our world.

The first class was helping students design and make 3D models which were then printed on a 3D printer and presented to the students back at school with feedback on the results of their model. Many were successful and some didn’t quite make the grade.

Our second class was about programming a robot to complete a number of tasks using a computer programme. Many were successful but alas the poor teacher (Mr Kahukiwa) had his robot going in circles – it was tough but thought provoking.

The third class was a world problem solving task where the students had to design a programme that allowed students to control a glass house environment using technology. Water/Temperature/Protection/Time were aspects the students had to control as a possible solution to saving the environment from wastage of water to protection systems for agriculture.

A great day for our students and an opportunity to think about what the future may look like and whether or not they have the inclination to follow this pathway as a career or hobby.

A big thank you to Ms Boodle and Ms Thompson for organising the day and to the KIOSK team for giving us the opportunity to visit and be a part of a modern technology class.

This term the Year 9 Taking the Challenge students visited KIOSK (Knox Innovation, Opportunity and Sustainability Centre) in Wantirna. The students participated in a day long Discovery program which emphasized STEM based practical learning experiences designed to engage, empower students to think critically, work cooperatively and develop skills using technology through exploration.

The students rotated through three different workshops.

• Smart Biomes involved making a mini greenhouse with crops. This was then part of a circuit which had temperature, pressure and light smart sensors connected to them. These biomes were then connected to the internet, so that the ‘farmer’ could be informed of the changes in temperature of the presence of a predator in the greenhouse, in this specific instance by a tweet.

• The Lego Challenge involved learning how algorithmic thinking is important for programming Lego robots to complete a set of challenges. Students had to program the robot to move to particular locations and perform specific.

• Students used the 3D Design software program Tinkercad to create a keyring and discovered how the 3D printers operate as they observed their creations be manufactured.

Sarah Boodle
Taking the Challenge Team
Term 3 Sports news

Term 3 has continued to be a busy one in the sports department. Since the last sport update students have represented Warrandyte at the Divisional Athletics, Intermediate basketball, Intermediate hockey, Year 7 basketball, and Year 7 hockey and at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals in the Year 8 girl’s badminton. The Year 8 students have their opportunity to represent the school and gain more success in the last week of term in basketball and hockey. Students from Warrandyte High continually represent the school with pride, determination and passion, challenging themselves at all times to perform at their best.

Following their success from the Year 8 badminton day in term 2, 4 girls (Leah Charalambous, Sophia Edge, May Griffiths and Dedre Van Zyl) headed off to Kilsyth to represent the school at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals. In the lead up to the day the girls showed their dedication to improve training before school, at lunchtimes and after school. The girls went into the day determined to represent themselves and the school with pride, and also face the challenge of some extremely talented badminton players. The girls dug deep in every game and improved as the day progressed. Their efforts and sportsmanship were commended by many staff and players from other schools. We congratulate the girls on their efforts and look forward to seeing them continue to develop their badminton skills over the coming years.

The Intermediate girls and boys basketball was a great day with lots of teams involved. There was so much interest from students to represent the school in basketball that we had to cap the number of teams we entered. As a result on the day Warrandyte headed off to Nunawading Basketball stadium with 2 boys teams and 1 girls team. The competition was tight throughout the entire day with some great play and sportsmanship shown. Even when teams were being challenged by stronger opposition Warrandyte never gave up, continually giving their best and representing themselves and the school with pride. The Intermediate boys hockey team had a very successful day winning all their games very convincingly and progressing through to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals to be held at the start of term 4. The boys defence was impenetrable and their offence very attacking enabling them to clear the ball out of the defensive zone and into attack for multiple scoring opportunities. We wish the boys the best of luck as they progress through to the next round.

On 6 September 36 students from Year 7 to 12 headed to Knox athletic track for the divisional athletics competition. These students had been selected to compete following their success in undermanned with only 8 players. We congratulate the girls on their efforts and we look forward to achieving more sporting success in term 4.

however this did not deter them. They worked hard in each game developing their skills and understanding and ended up coming 3rd overall – an excellent result. The girls hockey team only had 1 game however they went into this game extremely motivated and ready to play and ended up being victorious. As a result they will now progress through to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals in term 4. We wish these students the best of luck.

The basketball teams had a very busy day with multiple games throughout the day. All teams worked together continually striving to achieve their best and also show excellent sportsmanship. The girls A team was the most successful team winning their final and coming 3rd overall however the improvement from all teams throughout the day is what was excellent to see. A very big congratulations and thank you must go to the Year 10 VET Sport and Recreation students. On the day they were completely responsible for coaching their teams and scoring multiple games. All students took their roles very seriously ensuring the day was a success and that all Year 7 students were provided with an opportunity to get involved and develop. Rhys Bryant (Year 9) must also be congratulated. He attended the day and took on the responsibility of umpiring on one of the courts. In total Rhys umpired for the entire day and did an exceptional job demonstrating excellent leadership and umpiring skills.

In the last week of term 3 the Year 8 students will have their opportunity to represent the school at the Division basketball and hockey. All Year 8 students have been working hard during sport education classes developing their skills and we look forward to seeing them achieve some success on their competition day.

I congratulate all students who have challenged themselves and represented the school during term 3. All students should be very proud of their efforts and we look forward to achieving more sporting success in term 4.
Wheelchair Basketball

Over the past few weeks in physical education the Year 8 students have been involved in an interactive program teaching them about diversity, acceptance and disability. This has been achieved through participation in the WheelTalk program delivered by Disability, Sport and Recreation. These presenters are Victorians with a disability who are actively involved in sport and recreation. Students participated in 2 sessions where in the beginning they heard the inspirational stories of the presenters regarding how they became disabled, the challenges they have faced in their lives and the achievements they have obtained. During these presentations students were made aware of the consequences of risk taking behaviour, the importance of maintaining a positive attitude during difficult times, the importance of asking for help, how to overcome challenges, the vast opportunities available to people with a disability and the importance of valuing diversity and promoting inclusivity. At the end of the presentation, students then got to experience firsthand what it is like to live with a disability by participating in wheelchair basketball. During this experience the students were challenged to apply their basketball skills whilst being confined to a wheelchair. Many of the students were amazed with how difficult it was to move around the court and execute the skills of passing and shooting and gave them a real appreciation for just how talented, fit and healthy people in a wheelchair need to be. All students challenged themselves to develop their skills during this time and also were keen to further their understanding by asking some excellent questions. Overall it was an excellent learning experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Katie Cook (Sports Coordinator)

National Health and Physical Education Day

In support of National Health and Physical Education Day, students and staff at Warrandyte High School took part in the Bike n’ Blend smoothie making challenge on Friday 8 September. With the focus this year being on Good for Children, the aim of this day was to advocate for the importance of Health and PE in schools and in the Australian Curriculum, and to highlight the ways in which physical activity can influence the learning and development of young people. The day started off bright and early in the amphitheatre with students Luke Sutton and Harvey Wilson volunteering as the Bike n’ Blend taste testers. Their excitement at receiving a free smoothie for breakfast was short-lived, as it was soon discovered that the smoothies were not blending despite all their peddling efforts. Luckily Robbie Gedge and Ante Sunjo were on hand to troubleshoot and after some minor adjustments with a spanner, the students pedal powered their way to the Tour de France and Penny-farthing smoothies. The blending continued on into recess and lunch time, with Year 7 student Luca Ninaber proclaiming that it was the most fun she has ever had at school, and a group of Year 12 students performing the Nutbush. Special thanks to Leigh Thomson, Katie Cook and Robbie Gedge for their assistance in organising and helping out on the day.

Shirley Lu
Health Teacher