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WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

This week I've had the privilege of attending our student film festival at the Capitol Cinema and our annual music Christmas concert. Both events were of incredible high quality, showcasing the achievements of our students in the amazing Arts program at Warrnambool College. Coupled with the year 10 theatre studies play that was performed in our Auditorium last week, I am incredibly proud of the collective efforts of our students in the performing and visual arts and their courage to have their work and learning presented to live audiences. A huge thanks as well to all the school staff involved in bringing these opportunities to life for our students.

Over the course of term 4, we've been able to celebrate so many fantastic events in the school calendar. The year 12s last day on 20th October was a significant rite of passage for our graduating class of students who conducted themselves with a great sense of joy and respect before soaking up the congratulatory cheers of the school community as they ran through our school driveway guard of honour. The graduation ceremony for the year 12s a month later allowed parents, carers and staff to honour these incredible senior students for all the effort they've put into their learning with us over their secondary schooling journey.

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DAVE CLIFT
Principal

We are very much looking forward to celebrating VCE results with our students next week at the senior final assembly and wish our graduating class all the best with their next adventures in life. The phrase 'it takes a village to raise a child' is as relevant today as it's ever been – thanks to everyone (parents, carers, staff, mentors, supporters) for lifting our students up to be all that they can be during their time at Warrnambool College.

There's also been plenty of representative sporting events over term 4, including tennis, basketball, hockey, cricket and athletics. A big congratulations to our sporting teams that have been able to represent our school at regional and state-based events. The strong academy program that our school offers, in sporting pursuits and many areas beyond sport, has continued to go from strength to strength this term. So many students continue to be involved and I'm delighted to see and hear them engage in such positive ways with these opportunities.

As the 2023 year winds down to its natural conclusion, I hope you can reflect back on many positive aspects that link to your child's learning at Warrnambool College. I'm incredibly proud of the staff and students of this great school who persevere through many challenges each day to achieve their best. I look forward to seeing many of you at the junior and senior final assemblies in the coming week and at 'Warrnambool College Day' at the start of the 2024 school year.

I wish you a safe, joyful and fun filled summer break with family and friends.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Clift'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dave Clift - Principal

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DAN LEE
Assistant Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

2023

December 8
Last day of classes

December 8
Semester 2 Reports published on Compass

December 11-14
End of Year Program – optional attendance

December 11
Small Schools Orientation Day

December 12
State Wide Orientation Day

2024

From **January 24** Administration staff will be available for payments and general enquiries in the Administration Office.

January 29
Staff Return

January 30
Warrnambool College Day

January 31
Classes begin at 9:00am

WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE DAY – January 30th

Join us for a day filled with informative sessions, engaging school tours, and the delicious aroma of a free BBQ. Warrnambool College Day is an opportunity to connect, learn, and embrace the vibrant spirit of our school community. We've planned informative sessions to keep you in the loop with all things Warrnambool College, while our school tours will provide a firsthand look at the incredible facilities and learning environments. As an added bonus, students can claim their lockers on this special day. We can't wait to share this memorable occasion with you and celebrate the wonderful community we have at Warrnambool College.

CHANGES TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN 2024

As part of our ongoing efforts to streamline traffic flow and enhance safety during drop-off and pick-up times, we're excited to introduce a new Drop and Run Zone on Grafton Rd, just outside the main entrance facing west. This designated area has been strategically chosen to alleviate congestion in between learning spaces, improve safety for students and staff and expedite the process for parents on the go. We kindly request that you utilise this new zone for drop-offs and pick-ups, opting for the convenience it provides. To further ensure the safety and efficiency of this new arrangement, we kindly ask that you refrain from using the top car park for pick up and drop off, this carpark is for staff only, unless you are collecting a sick child from Wellbeing. Your cooperation in embracing these changes will contribute to a smoother experience for everyone involved. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the well-being of our school community.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM

Friday 8th of December is the last day of official classes. We are facilitating an End of Year Program for students from December 11th until December 14th. Attendance is optional for this week.



THE 6 PERIOD DAY

In 2024 we are transitioning to a 6-period day. We've already initiated this shift during our Year 8, 9, and 10 Headstart week, providing a glimpse into this new structure. While it may take some getting used to, the change involves lessons now being 48 minutes long, creating a more dynamic and focused learning environment. Additionally, there will be 96-minute double periods which will be particularly beneficial for practical classes such as Product Design, PE, Outdoor Ed and Food Tech. This adjustment aims to enhance the overall learning experience, offering more flexibility and depth in various subject areas.

BELL TIMES 2024

Monday - Thursday	
9:00	Home Group
9:12	Period 1
10:05	Period 2
10:53	Recess
11:18	Period 3
12:11	Period 4
12:59	Lunch
1:44	Period 5
2:37	Period 6

Friday	
9:00	Home Group
9:22	Period 1
10:10	Period 2
10:58	Recess
11:23	Period 3
12:11	Period 4
12:59	Lunch
1:44	Period 5
2:37	Period 6



COUNTRY BUS END OF YEAR DATES

LAST DAY OF BUS TRAVEL 2023
Monday 18th December 2023 – Normal times

FIRST DAY OF BUS TRAVEL 2024
Tuesday 30th January 2024



BELFAST

The **GILLIN BOYS
FOUNDATION**

We kicked off the year with great enthusiasm, introducing our stellar student leadership team led by Blair Sextus and Halle Bilson. Throughout 2023 the Belfast Leadership team have dedicated their time to countless recess and lunch times producing a diverse array of engaging activities for both our house and the entire college community to enjoy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BELFAST HOUSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023



SPIRIT AWARD
Deny Fawcett



CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Asha Guld



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Nyasha Iervasi

The Belfast green machine produced a terrific display in the WC swimming sports to win the overall House Champion Award, which has seen Belfast go 1st, 1st, 1st and 2nd and 1st in the last five years, a sensational effort! Swimming Age Group Belfast Champions 2023: Hugh Fawcett, Oscar Woithe, Gemma Bond, Deny Fawcett and Mia Mills.

In March, we held our Belfast Celebration Day to fundraise for our Charity partner – The Gillin Boys Foundation. The theme for the day was ‘Australiana’ which involved a gold coin donation, baked goods, supplied by our wonderful Belfast families, a lolly stall, BBQ, plus entertainment, with all proceeds going to - The Gillin Boys Foundation – Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Warrnambool.

The Athletics Carnival took place in term 3. Our Belfast students once again demonstrated their spirit by enthusiastically participating in a wide range of events. Athletics Age Group Belfast Champions 2023: Sophie Burrows and Deny Fawcett.

Thanks to our terrific office staff, Katie Crute, Lauren Niklaus and Jackson Greene, along with all of our Home Group Mentors, who all make our House and College a better place to be for both staff and students.

Finally to our students and their families, thanks for your support. There are ups and downs but the relationships we have developed with our Belfast students and families get us through the tough times and build strong bonds that are a feature of the house system. Have a great Christmas and a well-deserved break.

The Belfast Team



CHILDERS



Childers House thrived in 2023, with highlights from the Arts, Sports, and the formal establishment of Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare (WCL) as our philanthropic charity. We raised \$3,500 for WCL, with our out-of-uniform day featuring a giant penguin mascot and a charity screening of "Barbie" at Warrnambool Cinema ended our fundraising day.

The musical "Grease" stood out, featuring the talents of Arwen Bounds, Mariah Drake, Olivia Holdway, Leesha Keegan, Laura Lee, Bonny Moon, Tazmyn Reuel, Sage Lee Singh, and Hayley Stephens. Childers also excelled in the Music Eisteddfod, with Zoe Holdway, Lilly Gardiner, Duncan Ward, Devlen Warburton, and Clare Speed securing awards.

In sports, Georgia Turner and Layla Watson shone at State Swimming Championships and Australian Athletics Championships. Greater Western Victoria Rebels welcomed Sam Niklaus, Riley Holloway, Yezza Ardhana, and Will Rantall. Childers celebrated young athletes in Lewis Deurden and Lachlan Rea in our 2023 Cross Country event.

The Childers' Student Leadership team, led by Captains Arwen Bounds and Tazmyn Reuel, were central to the organised events this year. A big thank you to our team; Skyla Couch, Mariah Drake, Karl Graesser, Ruby Ward, Jake Goddard, Brigitte Graesser, Malachai Smits, Jet Sullivan, Zoe Holdway, Edie Clift, Leila Gibson, Liam Gravalin, Vidhi Jagad, Hamish McBain, Phineas Griffin, and Mitchell Holder. Congratulations to Mariah Drake and Brigitte Graesser who were named House Captains for 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDERS HOUSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023



SPIRIT AWARD
Jake Goddard



CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Brigitte Graesser



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Ruby Ward

In closing, Childers would like to thank its school community for a remarkable 2023 and we look forward to more achievements in 2024.

Rhonda Simmons - Childers House Leader



FLAGSTAFF



Congratulations to all on making it through term 4 and 2023! This term has been a very busy one for Flagstaff staff and students alike.

Early in the term we held our house celebration day again supporting the great work of the Leila Rose Foundation linking to the "touch of pink" theme, the showing on the day was a sea of pink. The Leila Rose Foundation offers support and guidance to families who have a child with a rare childhood cancer. Our student leaders did a brilliant job putting together a fantastic day and we are absolutely stoked to be donating approximately \$2,000 to the Leila Rose Foundation. We hope to run more fundraising events next year with the aim to donate a larger sum next year. Keep your eyes peeled for our new initiatives!

We congratulate the year 12's on finishing their time at WC and hope they achieve the success they were striving for but if not know that great things are to come for each of you.

We also spent some time in our final house assembly celebrating our award winners and acknowledging Nara Rohan, Noah Boyce and Cooper Polack as Falcons of the year for their efforts in supporting students, showing pride in the Falcon culture and participation in all things red. Well done to all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FLAGSTAFF HOUSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023



SPIRIT AWARD
Toby Graham



CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Molly Watson



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Zoe Borthwick

We hope all students and families have a wonderful Christmas and summer break, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back for a successful 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Tom White - House Leader & the Flagstaff Team



In 2023, Hopkins has been riding a wave of success, and we've had an absolute blast celebrating our students' achievements all year long. Our mighty Hopkins Eels have made us all proud with their active participation in our events, fundraising efforts and interhomeroom challenges. The spirit and dedication of our Hoppies students has truly made 2023 unforgettable!

Congratulations to the outstanding Year 12 class of 2023! As they embark on the journey of their inevitably bright futures, we extend our heartfelt best wishes for their continued success. In the spirit of celebration, we honor the remarkable accomplishments of our Hopkins award winners: Cameron Chuck, Sam Membry, and Saylah Veale. Their unwavering support for fellow students, vibrant display of house pride, and active involvement in all things blue truly exemplify the essence of Hopkins House.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOPKINS HOUSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023



SPIRIT AWARD
Cameron Chuck



CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Saylah Veale



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Sam Membry

As we bid farewell to this academic year, it's also a moment to express our gratitude to Mr. Collishaw, who has served with dedication as the Hopkins House Leader for the past six years. We appreciate his impactful contributions and wish him well as he transitions into a new role at Warrnambool College. Welcoming Mr. Richards to the helm of Hopkins House in 2024, we anticipate continued excellence and leadership.

To our cherished Hopkins students, families, and staff, thank you for being an integral part of the past six years. Your collective efforts have shaped the vibrant community of Hopkins House. As we approach the holiday season, we wish everyone a safe and rejuvenating break. We eagerly look forward to reuniting in 2024 for another exciting chapter at Warrnambool College.

The Hopkins Team



LOGANS



2023 HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT 'THE RETURN OF THE PURPLE HAZE!'

Logans House have had a brilliant year with students achieving great things in the Warrnambool College community and the wider the community.

Logans House staff, students and families should be extremely proud of the efforts of Logans Students during the year as Logans House has finished top 3 in all House Cups due to the commitment of students participating, displaying great attitude and effort to do their best, to earn points for Logans House.

Logans House raised \$3000 during their celebration day which will be contributed to our charity Food Share. A big thank you to our partners who help support Logans Celebration Day: Woolworths, Jane Dough, Midfield Meat, Pinky's Pizza, Bakers Delight and Saputo. We also ran two food drives in term 2 and term 4, raising important items for families in need.

A massive thank you and congratulations to our Logans Student Leadership Team who were unbelievable during the year. Parents/guardians should be extremely proud of their children involved in Logans Leadership Team and their contribution towards Logans House in 2023. Our student leaders have met regularly, driven changes in homeroom, visited Foodshare, and arranged and organised our Christmas Celebration Dinner, where leaders prepared and cooked a big feast for all Logans student leaders. A big thank you to our senior leaders, Charlotte Townsend and Hannah Rooke who've been outstanding in the role and have helped mould our developing leaders in Logans House.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOGANS HOUSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023



SPIRIT AWARD
Remy Boote



CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Charlotte Townsend



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Hannah Rooke

A big thankyou to our Logans House staff; Kim Gration, Julia Brain and Tim Brown who have been fantastic supports for staff and students in 2023. Also a big congratulations to L1, L2 & L7 who won our Logans House Homeroom challenges.

Danny Finn - Logans House Leader



MERRI



As 2023 comes to an end we reflect on the year that has been for the Merri House. Merri homegroups were thriving with students building strong supportive relationships with their mentors, engaging in Big Life activities in year levels on a Tuesday, participating in Merri Mash Up every Wednesday morning and celebrating Merri achievements in attendance, PRPs and other achievements in fortnightly House assemblies on a Friday.

One of our biggest changes was deciding on Loved and Shared as our new local philanthropic charity. Loved and Shared is a new, local, non-profit organisation established to create meaningful social and environmental impact across South West Victoria. A new charity gave the student leadership team a new sense of passion and drive towards organising and running the annual Merri curry and bake sale, which was an incredible success once again. In addition to the bake sale, the Merri student leaders facilitated a Loved and Shared donation drive asking the school community to donate any pre-loved children's clothes, new toiletries and good condition baby furniture/accessories. We were blown away with the response. Each year we manage to surpass our fundraising efforts and set a new goal to achieve. This year was no exception. The Merri community were not only able to raise over \$3000, but also collected over 100kg of preloved items for Loved and Shared. What a great way to start this philanthropic partnership and we look forward to building and strengthening this partnership for many years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERRI HOUSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2023



SPIRIT AWARD
Josiah Agnew



CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Logan Bray



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Scarlett Westhorpe

On a final note, Miss Hammond would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Merri students, families and staff for the last 6 years in the role as Merri House Leader. In 2024, she will be moving into another position at Warrnambool College and Mr Howlett will be taking the reins leading Merri House. Miss Hammond will remain a Homegroup Mentor in Merri so it is not farewell.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday period and we can't wait to see you all back at school in 2024.

The Merri Team



CONNECTIONS & POSITIVE IMPACTS

Through hard work and consistency, and a vibrant program the boys have enjoyed a great year. We were able to connect with the students and have a positive impact.

With healthy habits a key element of the Clontarf program we included a diverse blend of activities during our morning training and afternoon activities which included Tai Chi at Stingray Bay followed by a cold plunge, a morning jog and boxing at Lake Pertobe, an Indigenous garden project at the College, Mother's Day breakfast in the Academy room, a Super Morning Training and some sports conditioning training at the College.

With the huge success of the Kooyang Cup with the first match held in Warrnambool and the return bout to celebrate the Ballarat Academies opening. Students engaged across all year levels using this as a great opportunity to connect with Ballarat and form a strong foundation for great relationships into the future.

We also joined the YLRT Program, a program led by Jess Chatfield and Brett Clarke two prominent leaders in the community. The program is designed to create opportunities to yarn about life and help First Nation people thrive in their culture and community.



Our speck of gold for the year has been the opportunity to grow the Indigenous Garden Project. The project has had a huge impact among the Clontarf members, with the support of Mrs Rafferty we had Clontarf members engaging across all year levels using this as a great opportunity to connect to Country and form a strong foundation for great relationships and more opportunities and school based projects in the future.

The many interactions we had with the community through this year's program created a positive sense of identity which helped to develop one of our key pillar skills in Leadership. While connecting to community Clontarf members were able to flourish creating positive relationships with community and within our own Academy.

A big thank you to all Clontarf members and their families with the support of our partners for helping make the year a memorable one. By supporting and nurturing one another we have helped create positive change within each others lives.



DEADLY CONNECTIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Ngata! Positive engagement, connection to culture, respectful relationships and mental health have been the priority of the Kalay Academy in 2023. This year students have participated in a diverse range of engagement/prevention programs that allowed students to safely step outside of their comfort zone, connect deeply to culture, build positive relationships, whilst developing interpersonal skills, leadership and resilience. Thank you to Kalay's key partners, service providers, mob, community members and parents for supporting our deadly young Aboriginal students this year. Tdo Wurruk.



DRAMA PRODUCTION

A magical theatre production highlighting the talent & dedication of some of our Yr 10 students.



The echoes of laughter, drama, and sheer talent linger in our memories from the recent production of "The Phantom of the Soap Opera." The journey from auditions to the final bow was nothing short of extraordinary, and it's with great pride that we share the success of this remarkable show.

Our talented Year 10 students, with their unwavering dedication and resilience, brought the characters and storyline to life in a whirlwind of creativity. Each actor and actress embraced their roles with grace and poise, transforming the stage into a world of intrigue and amusement. The leadership and teamwork displayed were not just commendable; they were integral to the magic unfolding before our eyes. To our incredible Year 10 students, we extend our heartfelt thanks for becoming guiding stars, inspiring peers, and contributing their unique talents to make this production a reality.

Behind the scenes, the technical brilliance of our IT team, Adam and Amos, deserves special recognition. Their wizardry with lights, sound, and effects added a layer of enchantment to the theatrical experience. We are immensely grateful to them for bringing the magic of the theatre to life.

Last but certainly not least, our heartfelt gratitude goes to the friends and family in the audience. Your unwavering support and encouragement have been the driving force behind these young talents. Your presence meant the world to them and to all of us, and we cannot thank you enough for being an integral part of this journey.

As we reflect on the success of "The Phantom of the Soap Opera," we are reminded that the magic of theatre lies not just in the performances but in the collaborative spirit that brings a vision to fruition. The memories created on that stage will linger, and the lessons learned will resonate with these students for years to come. Thank you for your continued support of the performing arts here at Wannambool College.

Annie Johnstone



Kerry Cheeseman
& Sarah McIlroy

**Find us in the Careers
& Pathway Office**

WRAP UP OF THE YEAR

2023 has seen our team involved in a large number of events focussing on informing students of future possibilities, including:

- Co-hosting 2023 Career Expo
- SWTAFE 'Try a Trade' Expo
- T.I.S – Tertiary Information Service event
- Neil Porter Legacy Career Seminar for Parents – Flying Horse
- Iona Gas Plant Excursion
- Trades Fit Woman in Trades trip to Melbourne
- Year 7 – 'Connect' career lessons
- Year 8 – 'NAVIG8' career lessons
- Year 9 – 'Future Me' program
- Year 10 – 'Discover Day' (postponed)
- Year 11 – 'Day in the Life' career planning day
- Year 12 – Tertiary Tour to Geelong

We also had some informative incursions from DEAKIN, Saputo, University of Melbourne, Westvic Staffing Solutions, and Australian Defence Force.

Crunching the numbers across the year has provided interesting information in terms of our students taking part in various career and pathway pursuits. This year, we have had...

- 605 students complete 'Career Action Plans'
- 73 students complete Work Experience (years 9 – 12)
- 134 students involved in Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placements (year 10, 11 & 12)
- 69 students complete 'Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Training
- 56 students complete 'White Card' Training @ school (training provided by registered RTOs)
- 150 year 9 students complete 'The Morrisby Careers Profiling'
- 91 year 12 students have applied for University
- 119 students participate in the VET in Schools Program
- 28 students complete School based Apprenticeships with HEADSTART support



Thank You

Warrnambool College would like to thank our Junior and Senior Final Assembly Sponsors for their generous support.

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Merry Christmas

**We wish everyone safe & happy holidays.
We look forward to seeing you in 2024!**



**SATURDAY
FEB 3, 2024**

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Artwork by Hannah O'Brien. This artwork was created as part of the Indigenous Perspectives Project. Thanks to Mel Steffensen author of our new Acknowledgment to Country.

