David Clift

Principal Report

As you enter our school property through the front gates there are two walls that flank either side of the driveway. On one wall is the word “Welcome” and on the opposite side is “Ngatanwarr” which has the same meaning in the local indigenous language. For many families at this time of the year it is welcome back, to a new school year and opportunities to learn at our personal best. For some families it is welcome for the first time, to a new school and new friends to work alongside. Certainly as I walk through the school yard and corridors I feel this welcome from staff and students. So far this week I’ve had students hold a door open for me on no less than 5 occasions – I’ve felt most welcomed in my first week as Acting Principal.

Over the holidays I had another example of welcome extended to me as I visited our sister schools in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. I was privileged to spend a week immersed in the diverse Japanese culture of these schools and experience many innovative ways in which teaching and learning happens in this educational hub of Indonesia. We have many plans now to share in collaborative learning across our countries, linking up staff and students in innovative ways.

On one of my days at Olifant School (one of our sister schools), I sat in on an assembly where students were recognised for their effort and academic achievements from the previous year. This was the first time the school had done this and I was intrigued with the way that students responded to their friends receiving awards. The photo above gives you a glimpse into the sheer joy that students had for one another as their peers were called forward.

It is this sort of building up of one other that I want for our own students at Warrnambool College – a feeling of support and celebration for the good work we achieve together.

Whilst overseas I was once again reminded that my linguistic ability beyond English is very compromised, a failing of mine that I am constantly asking our students to learn from (don’t give up your LOTE subject at the end of year 8 like I did!). I’ve been to enough countries to know that the two most important words to learn in the local dialect are ‘hello’ and ‘thankyou’. Whilst in Indonesia ‘selamat pagi’ and ‘terima kasih’ became the staple of my linguistic diet. Most languages have a response to thankyou – in Indonesian it is ‘sama sama’. It was always spoken with such reverence and kindness, with the implication that somehow you were being mutually thanked for saying thankyou in the first place.

In English of course we respond with “you’re welcome”. Which brings me back to how I started this reflection. Whether it comes after a “thankyou”, or whether it is just the vibe you get when you enter into our school community, I hope you too feel that “you’re welcome” to share in the learning journeys of your children within our college. I look forward to the many challenges, joys, achievements and adventures this will bring us all throughout 2016.
Welcome back to the 2016 school year. There is already plenty happening with a very busy term one planned.

TUTORIAL INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the families who attended the tutorial interviews during the first week. We changed the structure of the interviews this year so if any families have feedback regarding the changes you can email/contact the school. We try to make the tutorial interviews as informative as we can and try to accommodate working families so that all families can attend/meet their tutor for the school year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos were taken last week by Compass. Families will begin to see the photos showing up on Compass. Compass Photos will now begin the process of cropping the photos so that only student faces appear on a student’s home page. The easiest way to order school photo packages is via the Compass Photo Portal. There will be a photo back up day on Friday 19th February.

YEAR 7/8 CAMPS

Both camps are conducted during the week beginning 22nd February. Thank you to the families who turned up to the Year 7 Camp Information session/BBQ; there is a Year 8 camp information session this Thursday 11th February in the school Auditorium from 6.30pm. Students will receive information in the next week regarding both camps. There will be an alternative program running for the two days of the week students are not at camp.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The first of our major sporting carnivals will be held this week. We anticipate another jam packed day of events and novelty games. It is always great to see our students dress up to support their Houses. The sea of colour looks amazing as they enter the pool. Our next major sporting carnival will be the Athletics Sports on the 8th March.

SUN SMART

Unfortunately Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world!! At Warrnambool College we encourage our students to be SUN SMART. All Year 7 students received their WC bucket hat last week and we encourage all students to wear their bucket hat during recess and lunch. Students will be asked to sit in a shaded area if they aren’t wearing a bucket hat. Sunscreen is also available from all House Offices and students can ask their House Leader for some sunscreen at the beginning of each recess and lunch. We encourage students to drink plenty of fluids during the hot weather – there are bubble taps around the school that students can refill their drink bottles at.

CHINESE VISITORS

We have welcomed nearly 40 students from China (and support staff) to our school during the first three weeks of term. The students have been enjoying activities such as surfing, visits to Sovereign Hill and the zoo and have also been involved in some Australian secondary school classes. Warrnambool College would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the host families and everybody that has been involved in this program. Our students are certainly looking forward to their return cultural experience to Shanghai in March.

UPCOMING DATES

- Friday 19th March – Photo Back Up Day
- Monday 22nd – Friday 26th February – Year 7/8 camps – more information to come
- Tuesday 8th March – WC Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 22nd March – Parent Teacher Interviews (4 – 7pm)
- Thursday – 24th March – LAST DAY OF TERM ONE (Good Friday is the 25th March)
**ABSENCES**

Parents/Guardians are required to record all student absences via Compass.

To log into Compass to record the absence for your child directly, the link to this site is www.wblcoll.vic.jdlf.com.au or you can Google the Warrnambool College website and click on the Compass link.

If you have lost your log in details, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 5564 4444.

It is a legal requirement for a note to be sent if your child is signing out of the College early. Alternatively, you may log on to Compass and approve the early depart before they need to leave. Unfortunately we cannot accept a text message sent to the student’s phone as permission, nor verbal permission. It can sometimes be very difficult to contact a parent to seek permission at the time the student is signing out if they don’t have prior permission. In this case we are not permitted, by law, to allow the student to leave the College.

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**WAVE Site**

We have been in negotiations with DET regarding the relocation of our WAVE Campus to a new learning environment.

At present WAVE are staying at the 72 Henna St premises for at least first term. We are actively working on relocation options which we hope will be in the short term future.

In the meantime please refer any WAVE related queries to the usual WAVE contacts – ph: 5562 9279, address 72 Henna St.

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**CAMP INFORMATION**

**Year 7 Camp 2015**

The year 7 orientation camp for 2015 will be held during the week of 22nd to 26th February 2016.

This event is a very important and compulsory part of the transition program from primary to secondary education. Therefore, the College anticipates that all students will attend. Correspondence has been forwarded to families via their student (a letter sent home) and via Compass. If you have any queries, please contact Steven Garner via email (garner.steven.s@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Year 8 Camp 2015**

The year 8 camp for 2015 will be held during the week of 22nd to 26th February 2016. Listed below are the groups going to each camp:

- Monday 22nd February – Wednesday 24th February: Boys
- Wednesday 26th February – Friday 28th February: Girls

Past camps have been very successful, highly enjoyable and have given students valuable experience in goal setting, teamwork and meeting challenges, as well as the chance to bond with their classes and teachers. Information has been forwarded to families via Compass and correspondence will be forwarded home soon with further information. If you have any queries, please contact Steven Garner via email (garner.steven.s@edumail.vic.gov.au).

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**School Council Elections**

Parents and Staff are invited to nominate for parent and staff categories on the Warrnambool College Council. Please click here for the Nomination Form which is to be returned to Karina Said prior to 12 February 2016.
The Warrnambool College Music Academy welcomes all returning and new students to its programs in 2016!!! Please read below for information about our bands/choir, and how to get started if you want to learn an instrument this year!

Music Academy Welcome Back BBQ!!!
When: TOMORROW Tuesday 9th Feb
Where: Auditorium
For: Students involved last year in the Rock Bands, Choir, Senior and Junior Concert Bands, Acoustic Rock Band and Musical Band. If you are interested in getting involved in one of these bands you are welcome, but we will be giving out more information in the coming week.

There will be a short update on all the bands/choir and when we are rehearsing, whether or not there will be auditions, and who is running what. Then you can enjoy a FREE sausage while you catch up with your music buddies!

NEW Vocal Lessons Available!
The Music Academy now offer vocal lessons with our new staff member, Anne Carter! These will occur on Mondays, in the practice rooms in the auditorium. They are very reasonably priced at $160 a year for year 7s, and $200 a year for 8-12s (what you’d usually pay for one term of lessons!) so if you are interested, fill out a ‘learn/hire a musical instrument form’ and return to the music or front office. Alternatively your parents can email Anne at carter.anne.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. Students receiving vocal lessons will be expected to contribute in the school choir or rock band program. Limited spots available so get in quick!

Instrumental Lessons
If you are keen to learn a brass instrument (trumpet, trombone, tuba, euphonium), woodwind instrument (flute, saxophone, clarinet) or percussion and have not returned a ‘learn/hire a musical instrument’ form to the music or front office please do so ASAP so we can finalise timetables. (Students in the year 7 SEAL band class do not need to do this.) For year 7s the first term is free, then $160 for band levy and $160 for instrument hire. For all other year levels the annual band levy is $200 and $160 for instrument hire (very, very cheap!).

Choir
If you are interested in joining the choir, come along this Thursday lunchtime (auditorium) and try it out! No auditions! Great way to meet new people and make friends, and have some fun singing songs of different styles.
Warrnambool and District Schools

Work Experience Program

The Warrnambool and District Work Experience Program is continually looking to expand the host employer list. If you have a business, or know someone that would be interested in supporting our local youth by becoming a host employer, please contact the Work Experience office. Our program places over 800 students per year from all the Warrnambool & District Secondary Colleges.

Jacinta Tepass
Warrnambool and District Work Experience Coordinator
Ph: 55620166
Email: jtepass@emmanuel.vic.edu.au

Warrnambool College –
Year 10 Work Experience Dates:

Work Experience Forms are being distributed by the Year 10 Humanities Teachers and need to be returned to your Commerce Teacher by the due date. These forms will consist of the “Official Departmental Permission Form” and a Form outlining the students Work Experience Preferences (3 Job Preferences are required). Students can choose to do Work Experience in Warrnambool from the list of positions provided in the Work Experience Booklet – handed out with the forms.

Note: Work Experience is just that - an “Experience of Work.” It is not meant to be job training. Many employment positions – especially professions do not allow students to undertake work experience at Year 10 due to the sensitivity of the position or the maturity of Year 10 students. Many students therefore choose positions that might help them to find a part-time employment position.

Students are also required to complete an on-line, Occupational Health & Safety Program before being allowed to undertake Work Experience.

Students from Year 11 & 12 may undertake Work Experience during normal Holiday breaks.
All Work Experience enquiries should be directed to Mr Bollard.

- Tuesday 15th March—Friday 18th March:
  ✦ Mrs Penn + Mr Payne’s Humanities class
- Monday 16th May—Friday 20th May:
  ✦ Miss Brennan’s Humanities class
- Monday 23rd May—Friday 27th May:
  ✦ Miss Collis’s Humanities class:
- Monday 25th July—Friday 29th July:
  ✦ Mr Finn’s Humanities class
- Monday 14th November—Friday 18th November
  ✦ Mr Darts Humanities class
VET Courses: Year 10, 11 and 12 Students

This year we have just under 100 students undertaking Vocational Education and Training Courses outside the College. Courses at SW TAFE commence on Thursday 11 February. Final VET Course Confirmation letters were distributed to all VET students via their Tute Group Teacher on Tuesday 2 February. The Letter confirms the following: Start Dates and Times, Campus to attend, Transport Arrangements, and most importantly Holiday Block Attendance Dates (where applicable). If you are in doubt Please contact Mr Bollard ASAP.

Students undertaking VET Music at Emmanuel College commence Thursday 4 February at 1:25 pm. Students to meet their Teacher at the Main Office at the McAuley Campus – Ardlie Street.

VET Travel Arrangements: All students attending Thursday Afternoon VET Courses at SW TAFE are required to travel to South West TAFE by the Bus’s provided by the School. The Buses leave from the Bus interchange at 12:25 pm each week and travel to both the Sherwood Park (Deakin) Campus and the Timor Street Campus and the Trade Centre at Caramut Road. The Bus will not wait for late comers. Students attending other times will need to make your own travel arrangements.

VET Clothing and Safety Requirements: Reminder that for all trade courses, correct leather shoes and overalls are required. Students usually change into their VET gear at TAFE once they arrive on the bus.

VET Holiday Block Sessions: Many of the VET program also conduct Holiday lessons. Each student is expected to attend these lessons. To check if you have a holiday block requirement – go to www.swtafe.edu.au/tafeinschools. Choose Timetables

Note: The Final Confirmation Letters include the VET holiday Block Dates if they are applicable to you!

Congratulations Class of 2015

On 18 January the Class of 2015 received their VTAC Higher Education Offers. The statistics are not final at this stage and a full report will be published at a later date. Initial Offers indicate the vast majority of students received one of their top 3 preferences, which is a demonstration of the preparation they have made in selecting their courses.

Many students are deferring their course for 2016 so they can become eligible for Independent Student Allowance in May 2017. A few students are travelling overseas as community volunteers or are just looking for a break (Employment) before commencing their studies. Full statistics for the Class of 2015 will be published when student destinations are finalised.

Attendance: VET Students are required to attend all timetabled lessons because these programs are competency based – attendance is essential every week. If you cannot attend, you should e-mail your TAFE Teacher and explain your situation.

Parents need to note that planning holidays should be done avoiding these holiday dates. Attending Holiday Blocks is Compulsory and failure to do so will mean you cannot complete the course.

Peter Bollard
Careers Practitioner -
Contact: 55 644 406
Day 1 - Travel
After more than a year of planning, the day had finally come for the fifteen intrepid travellers to get aboard the fourteen-hour flight to Los Angeles. Taking off at around midday, the bleary eyed group disembarked at around 7 am local time to be greeted by an unusual site in Southern California - heavy rain. Our trip to Huntington Beach was spent dodging the wind and rain and provided an opportunity to sample the local cuisine: Bomb Burgers. After settling at our hotel, a long sleep was had by most as the group prepared for..........

Day 2 - Disneyland
Thankfully the rain had stopped and the group was able to enjoy clear skies at the happiest place on earth. Nobody really anticipated the enormity and the busyness of Disneyland, with attractions in every direction. For us it was all about the rides though, with time spent queuing a big part of the day. Splash Mountain, Star Tour, Thunder Mountain and Indiana Jones were all highlights. After purchasing the obligatory souvenirs (and flavoured Churros), the group returned to the hotel late at night, thirteen hours after leaving.

Day 5 - Universal Studios
Our third theme park visit, this time to Universal Studios Hollywood. We were quick to move through the park and avoid the queues for the amazing Transformers and Mummy rides. Lunch at Krusty Burger followed the behind the scenes tour. Towards the end of the day we made the mistake of sitting in the front rows of the Water World show, although we had been warned numerous times that we would get wet!

Days 19 - 20 Going home.
Our final challenge was certainly the most difficult - the return trip home. The long flight leaving at 10.30pm at night saw many bleary eyed students emerge from customs early in the morning on January 25th. Many hugs were shared between the group members as they made their way back to meet parents for the drive home.

All in all it was a tiring, but rewarding trip. This was a once in a lifetime experience for some, for others it will be the first of many travels. Thanks to all of those who supported the students in making the trip. All returned home the better for the experience.
Technology Report

Some of the Year 10 Product Design students with the food serving boards they've produced. The boards were made from mainly recycled timber including some old school benching and some salvaged furniture. The project was a real success with many students using biscuit joiners and food-safe mineral oils for the first time. The boards were finished to an excellent standard and it's great to see students going home with quality, functional products. Well done!

David Alger

Student Leadership

RELAY FOR LIFE 2016: Support the Cancer Council

Sign up to the fun and support of 2016 Relay for Life- Warrnambool College Team. Click on the link below and get registered before it's too late. Get some friends to come along and stay the night- don't forget your sleeping bag and pillow!

When: Friday the 12th of February 2016 at 7pm until Saturday the 13th of February 1pm
Where: Deakin University Warrnambool
Price: $20 registration fee (includes a Relay for Life shirt and breaky the next morning)
Why: Great cause of Cancer Council- meet new people and get involved in a community fundraiser!


Please see/email Miss Shamoail for more information shamoail.rose.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bullants School Socks

Bullants School Socks can now be purchased at the front office for $10 a pair.
At Warrnambool College we achieve success through persistence, resilience and mutual respect

Registration dates for all WCNA Junior Netball grades for season one will be held on the following dates between 4pm and 6pm at stadium Tuesday 2nd and 9th February also Wednesday 3rd and 10th February 2016.

Please contact Fran Bell Convenor of junior modified 11 & under competition for more details mobile is 0408 560 252 or you can contact the netball stadium on 5562 4868 or email stadium
warnameboolcity@bigpond.com

Players have a great time playing and learning the great game of netball in a very friendly environment and a great way to begin your netball playing pathway.

Registrations for Juniors in the Open and Reserve grades and 13 & under Juniors will also be held on these same nights

Any enquiries welcome please contact Marg at stadium 5562 4864 or 0407 862866 or email stadium warnameboolcity@bigpond.com

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Exist for all players

SECOND HAND DEB DRESS SALES

I am hosting a Deb dress sale where prospective debutantes can shop for second hand dresses all in the one place.

The event will be held at Warrnambool Primary School's Hall on Saturday the 27th of February.

The day will begin with registrations from 9AM-10AM and will conclude at 2PM.

Registrations to sell your garment will be $5 with all proceeds going to the Leila Rose Foundation.

Entry to view the dresses will be by gold coin donation.

It is up to the individual as to how they want to display their dresses - wedding and deb dresses are welcome. There will be a limited number of tables/seating available.

Change rooms and mirrors will also be provided.

When trying on dresses please try not to dirty them with makeup/fake tan as cleaning is quite pricey

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bridget on: 0432 210 533

Art Shack

After School Art Classes
2 hours sessions 4:30pm – 6:30pm
$20 - All materials included
Sea Mist Studio - Logans Beach
Individual Artistic Development
Secondary Students – Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Individual direction in all mediums
Primary Students: Thursdays
Term focus: First hour - Relief Sculpture
Second hour - Individual direction in all mediums.

Contact: Kate Cherrett
Mobile: 0417 383 757
Email: seamiststudioapartments@gmail.com
SICK BAY

Any parents picking their child up from the sick bay will need to enter via the Russells Creek entrance and drive past the pool and follow the signs located on the school buildings. There is a short term car park near the new climbing tower. Please follow the signs to the location of the sick bay.

S041-2016 Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Private Property Brought to Schools

- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and
- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers
- The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.
- Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

CSEF & State Schools Relief Uniform Initiative Forms

Any parents who hold a health care card and who have not filled out a Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) form for this year, please follow the link to print a form. Once completed, please drop it into the front office. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf

State Schools Relief Uniform Initiative is only available to parents of students who are going into year 7 and hold a health care card. If you have not filled out one of these forms, they are available from the front office.