

Warrnambool College Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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IMPORTANT DATES

28th Oct	Pupil Free day
2nd Nov	GWR Cricket/ Tennis– Jnr Girls and Boys
4th Nov	Year 11 Exams Start
4th Nov	Year 10 Food– buffet lunch
15th Nov	Junior Boys State Basketball
16th Nov	Table Tennis Girls State finals
18th Nov	Year 12 Graduation
18th Nov	English exams start for Years 8- 10
28th Nov	2017 Headstart commences for all students
1st Dec	House End of Year Celebration Day
2nd Dec	Last day of Headstart for 2017 Year 11 and 12 Students
9th Dec	Last day of Headstart for 2017 Year 8-10 students

David Clift- Principal Report

As I write this report, our year 12 VCE students are about to enter the school hall to sit their English exam. I wish them all the best over the next 3 hours and over the next 3 weeks as they prepare for and perform in the most significant tests of their lives thus far. I'm sure they'll make their parents, their teachers, their school and themselves proud as they strive to put in all the effort required to achieve their personal best.



While I'm focussing on year 12, I'd also like to congratulate the year level on the way in which they conducted themselves on their last day at school. It was great to share in some of their unbridled joy in reaching the end of their formal education journey. Their celebrations exhibited elation, rapture and delight. Importantly their actions were appropriate and did not impact upon the learning or safety of others. It is a positive legacy that they leave for the younger year levels that will follow them in the coming years. I'd also like to acknowledge that for many of our VCAL students, last Thursday was their last day at Warrnambool College. I wish them all the best in their future study, apprenticeships and employment – I know they'll achieve great things with all the skills that they've learnt whilst at our great school.

For the rest of our year levels, the year is accelerating toward their own exams and the Headstart program in 4 weeks time. For the first time this year, years 8 – 10 will have end of year exams for all their core subjects. This will provide our students will valuable preparation in revision, study and exam techniques as the content covered in the exams will carry across multiple units of work. We want to ensure that all our students are fully prepared for the rigours of VCE and VCAL and this is another step toward that goal.

And as we prepare for 2017, last night we ran our information evening for current grade 6 students and parents who will be joining the Warrnambool College family into next year. I am really looking forward to welcoming our newest cohort of students and sharing with them all that they can look forward to in secondary schooling. It is genuinely sad to have to bid farewell to our year 12s each year, but this is tempered with the delight of welcoming a new group of learners into year 7. Ultimately the cycle of learning for our students and our school community will always continue and that is something that we can give thanks for.

Kind regards,

Assistant Principal Report

Adam Matheson, Cassandra Crevola, Daniel Lee



Being Sun Smart

As mentioned in a previous newsletter - the weather is finally beginning to thaw a little after a very wet winter, we would like to remind students to ensure that they are being Sun Smart by using the shaded and covered areas at break times, as well as using sunscreen and hats to protect themselves. Sunscreen is located in all House Offices and the Wellbeing Centre. School hats can be purchased from the Main Office.

Preparing for Head Start

All current Year 7-11 students will begin their Head Start program on the 28th November. We encourage students to have some new materials for this program; some basic blank work books will be enough to collate important information for next year.

Current Year 10-11 students – Head Start Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December

Current Year 7-9 students – Head Start Monday 28th November to Friday 9th December

The Head Start program is a compulsory component for all students. All classes will include vital information focused on preparing for 2017.

Adam Mathe-



Cassandra Crevola

House Celebration Events

All students will be involved in the House Celebration Events on Thursday 1st December. Each House will provide more information regarding the specific events. This is a great way to celebrate the events that have occurred throughout the year and to finish the year with a House bonding activity.

End of Year Program

We will be offering an Alternative End of Year Program from Monday December 12th – Thursday December 15th. All students attending will participate in activities associated with the eight different learning areas across the four days. Students will assemble in the school library every morning for roll marking.



Dan Lee

House Student Leadership Camp

All 2017 student House Leaders will be attending a Leadership Camp at Port Fairy on Wednesday 14th/Thursday 15th December (more information to come). This is a fantastic opportunity for our new leadership students to meet as a group and focus on ways to make our school great. This year the focus will be on “The Next Generation of Houses”. Our Year 12 cohort of 2016 were the first Year 7 students in 2011 to enter the House System so we believe it is time to try and reshape what the House System looks like. Our student leaders will be at the forefront of these discussions. We look forward to 2017 being an exciting time for our House System.

Uniform Blitz

All staff at Warrnambool College are encouraging our students to wear correct uniform. All tutors will be checking each student during the tutorial time at the beginning of each day. We ask all families to support our school in ensuring your child/children are wearing correct uniform when they leave the house or hop out of the car when coming to school.

A reminder to families that Friday 28th October is a pupil free day.

Parents are urged to download the Compass App to their portable devices, so that they can access Compass on-the-go. Parents can use the Compass App to approve student absences and to view learning tasks.

Head Start for all 2017 Classes

Warrnambool College will be running our Head Start program from 28th November until 9th December 2016. Compulsory attendance is expected for all students for all sessions. Please be aware that students who do not attend may lose their spaces in high demand subjects.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 Nov HEADSTART (8-12)	29 HEADSTART (8-12)	30 HEADSTART (8-12)	Dec 1 HEADSTART (8-12) House Assembly (P3&4)	2 HEADSTART (8-12) Last day for Year 11 & 12 students
5 Dec HEADSTART (8-10) Country Day	6 HEADSTART (8-10) Year 8's only	7 HEADSTART (8-10)	8 HEADSTART (8-10)	9 HEADSTART (8-10) 7-9 Assembly
12 Dec End Of Year Program	13 End Of Year Program	14 End Of Year Program	15 End Of Year Program	16 No Students



Congratulations to Shannon Philp who won every category that she entered in South West TAFE's Hair and Beauty Competition. Shannon also received the award for VET's 2nd Year Student of the Year.



Hopkins

It's that busy time of year again and it's all happening in Hopkins. We've celebrated welcoming new leaders, saying goodbye, winning a cup and much more.

Last week we said goodbye to our year 12's as they leave the College after six years of hard work. We wish them all the best on their upcoming exams and also for the exciting future that lies ahead for each and every one of them. Finishing school is a huge milestone and an incredible achievement, so we are all very proud of them.

Hopkins Year 12 class of 2016 – *Lachlan Abbott, Harrison Bond, Georgina Bull, Sam Bushell, Laura Chakir, Ashlyn Croft, Jesse Donovan, Connor Drummond, Kelan Galbraith, Jake Golding, Gabby Good, Jess Hollard, Mikayla Howe, Michael Kilvington, Jesse Knowles, Dylan Langcake, Matt MacLeod, Stewart Manderson, Megan McCullagh, Glenn Moore, Ben Oates, Ethan O'Connor, Harrison Rantall, Hayley Smith, Kate Taylor, Alexandra twaddle & Maddie Wines.*

Winning a trophy doesn't come easy but we've done it again. **Hopkin's House has won the Public Speaking Cup for 2016!** Well done to all those who participated in any public speaking this year, particularly Gabby Good who was always involved when it came to giving a speech.

The **2017 Hopkins Student Leadership Team** has been selected. We are very excited to have such an amazing, inspiring group to help lead our house. Congratulations to the following students and welcome to the team.

House Captains - Flynn Gurry & Gabby Good

Sports Captains - Jack Knight, Luke Byrne, Abby Sheehan & Hannah Garner

Arts Captain - Chloe McCosh, Molly Jackway & Meg Shanley

Philanthropic Leaders - Jye Wilson & Dujon Neoh

Environmental Leaders - Amelia Finnigan & Michael Platt

Publicity Leaders - Chloe Wines & Tristan Dunn

Senior SLIC Leader - Courtney Dunn

Junior SLIC Leader - Ella Wines

Middle School Leaders - Seb Good, Jaxen Dalton, Zoe Campbell & Maddie Fedley

Junior School Leaders - Alex Cannon, Maya Lowen & Sherkira Quarrell

A proud moment for one of our own...

Last week **Harvey McCorkell** stood up using a walking frame. This is the first time he has been able to do this in over 7 years. Harvey was in a world of pain in hospital after surgery but was as positive as ever saying "I can't wait to get better so I can give back to my community and help other kids with Dystonia." This is an absolutely outstanding accomplishment for Harvey and we are all so proud of him!



A few reminders...Our **end of year celebration day is on Thursday 1st of December**. We will be heading down to South Warrnambool Football Club for a BBQ, games and awards. There will be netball, football and cricket games running with staff and students so come down and get involved.

The **Hopkins kitchen** is open at lunchtime for all students to use. There is a sandwich press, microwave and kettle available.

For the next month there will be a merit and demerit focus. The **merit focus is mutual respect**. Things you can do to gain a mutual respect merit include learning about and being tolerant of people of difference, acting kindly and decently to classmates, actively listening to the words of your peers, and agreeing to acknowledge and cooperatively solve any problems and to work at full capacity. The **demerit focus is uniform**. This means no tights/skins and no hoodies. We also encourage all students to wear the College colours – navy, white & green. **Keep working hard and staying positive!**

Belfast

Last week we farewelled our Year 12 students as they completed their final classes at Warrnambool College. This group who started at WC in 2011 were also the first Year 7 group to start their secondary schooling with the House system. Like they have right through their six years of schooling they handled themselves with class as they farewelled the staff and other students of the College.

Also over the last month we have held Student Leader elections for our Student Leadership group in 2017. The following students have been appointed as Student Leaders for 2017:

HOUSE CAPTAINS	Aislinn Primmer / Drew Garner
ENVIRONMENT CAPTAINS	Nicola Bilson / Tara Elliott
ARTS CAPTAIN	Shannon Philp / Alannah Sharp
PHILANTHROPIC CAPTAINS	Kate Ross / Bailey Nicholson
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS	MacKenzie Van Der Starr / Ashton Kenion
JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS	Ravi Garner / Samantha Nicholson
SPORT CAPTAINS	Lilly Coffey / Amber Peake

In staffing news Danny Finn will be an assistant in Belfast next year. This is a little like picking up Buddy Franklin as a free agent and I am sure he will be a massive addition to the Green Machine in 2017. In conclusion I read some recent data that had Belfast students setting the pace from an effort and attitude perspective. What happens in class rooms is our core business and to see those results, as the Belfast leader, makes me very proud of our Belfast students. Well done and keep aiming to get better.

Merri

The sun is OUT!!!! (finally) And we can all start to see the end in sight. Despite the small bright glow at the end of the academic year tunnel, there is still so much to prepare for, look forward to and celebrate. Head start is fast approaching, and students in Year 9 – 11 should have now received their class allotments for next year. Please recognise that due to clashes and numbers, it is not possible for everyone to get what they want. If a student is very concerned with their 2017 allotment they are welcome to discuss this with their Tute Teacher or Mr Burt in the Merri office. We regrettably cannot guarantee they will get what they want – but we will do our best.

Congratulations to the Year 12's who have officially finished their classes at Warrnambool College. It is a great achievement to complete your studies and prepare yourselves for what lies ahead. We know that you have made your family and teachers proud, and we wish you all the best for exams. Please give it all you've got and earn the results you know you deserve. I hope you enjoyed your final day of fun and got your fill of hash browns, bacon and egg muffins and party streamers. We look forward to saying farewell in a more formal capacity on graduation night on the 18th November at the Lighthouse Theatre.

The pointy end of school sport is upon us with many teams out and about in the community with their final shots at 2016 glory. Good luck to all Merri students competing. Special congratulations have to go to our students who represented WC with pride at the Victorian Secondary School Athletics Champs. In particular, Naticia Varley who finished 3rd in 800m and 1500 m and Stella Bridgewater who placed 10th in the 1500m. Awesome results girls!!

House Leaders: Will Bonney & Isobel Madden

Publicity Leaders: Tyson Kerr, Huw Jones

Sports Leaders: Bella McCluggage, Riley Patel and Sophie Trelfall

Environmental Leader: Sienna Crabbmor

Arts Leaders: Aaron Body & Eden Agnew

Middle School Leader: Liam Meekes, Rithika Josy and Jeremy Wickham

Philanthropic Leaders: Angus Macdonald, Rhiannah Maddocks and Dom Glossop

Junior School Leaders: Ashlee Benter & Tahli Crabbmor

We hope that the old hand will be able to guide, encourage and strengthen those coming in. This new group has already been busy planning the end of year celebration day on the 1st of December. To Crystal Op de Coul, Teneisha Moore and Jess Benter, thank you for all your countless hours behind the scenes. It is with your help that Merri is what it is today.

KALAY ACADEMY

The Kalay girls have shown commitment to two extra curricular programs this term. The first is a 7 week Kalay Fit program running after school on Thursday afternoons under the guidance of Sarah Wall. Danielle McNerney is putting the girls through their paces in circuit training to enhance their fitness levels and Donna Chatfield follows this up with an empowerment session involving goal setting and taking control of their lives. The second is a 4 week Hair & Beauty course at TAFE after school on Wednesday afternoons. The girls have had sessions involving hair, makeup, nails and preparing for job interviews.



Kiara Atkinson and Trish McKean attended the Culture, Creativity, Place event - an Aboriginal Land and Water Celebration that took place at Hopkins Falls Scenic Reserve during the school holidays. Kiara assisted the Clontarf boys welcoming local and international visitors.

A Language Adventure to Melbourne with the year 9's and 10's

On Tuesday the 14th of October, the year 10 Indonesian and the year 9 French classes caught the bus to Melbourne, to explore the different the different cultures of their language. The year 9 French classes went to see a French film (Francofonia), and then they went to a local French Restaurant (Breizoz), the most popular dishes on the menu were a gale (which's a savoury pancake, with fillings such as; ham and French cheese, and also ratatouille) a dessert; crepe with berries, cream and French cider.

The Indonesian class went to Melbourne, to explore Indonesian animals such as: Sumatran tigers, Elephants and orang-utans, as well as other wildlife animals! As soon as we finished our "Zooventure" we went into the city to sample some Indonesian food! We went to a restaurant called Nelayan but once we stood inside, we were in the heart of Indonesian culture! We could order a variety of dishes, like; Beef Rintang, Tofu, Mixed vegies and chicken, which all came with rice. After we had lunch, we had a maximum of 2 hours of time in the city. Both the French and the Indonesian classes met at Federation Square for a group photo; at last it was time for us to catch the bus ride home back to Warrnambool. At 7:30pm we stopped in Colac for tea/dinner, so we had 30mins to ourselves, once the time was up, we went back home, back to Warrnambool. In Conclusion both class learnt so much about their languages and cultures, which may have a big factor in the student's studies. It was an adventure, which we'd like take on board for further classes.



by Edith Smith, Jasmine Shears and Dujon Neoh

State Athletics Carnival

Monday 17th October saw an early start for many of our Athletics team as we headed off to Melbourne to compete in the State Athletics Carnival at Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park. It was a big day for many of our students having left at 6.00am and not returning until 11pm.

It was perfect weather in Melbourne with the sun shining, a dry track & only light winds. Many of our students had a long wait for their events, with the majority of events being late in the afternoon & all the relays after 6pm.

Students who qualified and competed included: Mitchell Bidmade, Alison Boylan Turner, Stella Bridgewater, Jacob Henderson, Royal Heremaia, Courage Hukatai, Darcy Johnstone, Alex Lavithis -Davies, Charlie Locke, Trinity Pompey, Renee Saulitis, Ayden Suter, Isaac Thomas, Hannah Van Duynhoven, Naticia Varley, Benjamin Warren & Sophie Weir.

Darcy Johnstone had the biggest event card for the day, competing in 5 events for the day. Overall Warrnambool College was able to bring home 3 medals on the day; Ayden Suter – 2nd in 12-13 year boys Shot Put & Naticia Varley – 3rd in both the 16 year girls 800m & 1500m events

Well done to all students that qualified for State level, you should be all very proud of your efforts.

Music Notes

Lots of important events coming up!

Thurs 3rd Nov – Twilight Choir Night, 6pm at Civic Green, (Junior Concert Band and Choir)

Fri 4th Nov – Indonesian Exchange Gala in AUD, 6pm (Soul Band, Rock Band)

Fri 18th Nov – Possible Concert Band Performance at Warrnambool Primary School 1:30pm

Thurs 1st Dec – Bands Day Out (Concert Bands) at Brauer College, time TBC

Mon 5th and Tues 6th Dec – 2017 Year 7 Orientation Days (Rock bands/Junior Concert Band during lunchtimes)

Thursday 8th Dec- Music Academy Family Night (this has changed from Friday the 9th due to clashes with other events).

Fri 9th Dec- Junior Final Assembly (Junior Concert Band, Junior Rock Band and Choir)

Mon 12th and Tues 13th Dec – Primary School Rock Band Concerts (All rock bands, soul band, choir).

Tues 13th Dec – Senior Final Assembly at Lighthouse Theatre, 6:30pm (Soul Band, Senior Concert Band).

Community Notices / Useful Information



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.

Standing Tall in Warrnambool Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 21st November 2016, 6 p.m. at FoodLab (formerly Endeavours Restaurant).

Friends, sponsors, supporters, mentors, students and families most welcome.

Afterwards we will be having dinner together at Reunion Restaurant, cnr Koroit and Kepler Sts.

If you plan to attend - or to send an apology, please phone STiW Coordinator (0419874054) or email info@standingtalliw.com.au



A reminder that Dairy Assistance applications are due by 28th November. If you need a form, it can be downloaded from the website or alternatively we can email/mail one.

ALPINE SCHOOL 2017

Expression of Interest is being sought from Year 8 students who wish to attend the Alpine School in term 2, 2017. The experience involves 9 weeks at the Dinner Plain Campus and Warrnambool College has positions for six students.

If interested, names can be given to Mr. Rod Owen by the 28th October, 2016.

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Cassandra Crevola
Dan Lee

School President:
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Robert Dart – Childers
Colin Payne – Flagstaff
Andrew Thomson – Hopkins
David Alger – Logans
Ewen Burt – Merri

School Captains:
Gabrielle Good
Jessica Benter
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Oliver Love Davies
Madeline Solly
Will Berryman

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