

Warrnambool College Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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IMPORTANT DATES

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
5th Dec	Grade 6 Country
6th Dec	All schools Grade 6
9th Dec	Last day of Headstart for 2017 Year 8-10 students
9th Dec	Year 7-9 Final Assembly
13th Dec	Year 10-12 Final Assembly
1st Feb 2017	Tutorial interview day
2nd Feb 2017	Classes commence for 2017

Principal Report

Last week I had the honour of joining with our new leadership team for 2017 on our annual 'retreat'. I use the term loosely as it feels anything but a retreat when you're in the middle of some intense conversations and self-reflection on a Sunday afternoon. We had the opportunity to learn more about our brain-based learning styles, explored emotional intelligence, discussed means of establishing an even more collaborative culture at Warrnambool College and started to forward plan initiatives into 2017. Planning sessions such as these are vitally important. They provide our school community with a strategic vision for how to meet and exceed our ever-increasing goals for self-improvement. In education, very few positive outcomes happen by accident. I am confident that we are creating a learning blueprint to ensure students achieve their very best whilst in our care.



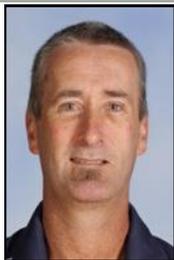
Perhaps the highlight of my first year as Principal came at our year 12 graduation ceremony last Friday night. The vibe of the evening was incredibly special as we jointly celebrated the effort and attitude that had brought our year 12s to the end of their secondary schooling. Our school captains reflected with such clarity on their time at the college and the skills and values that they will take with them into the future. I was deeply moved by the student's response to my attempt at singing – as I said in my speech, they have taught me the value of courage over the years that we have journeyed together. What really struck me though was the depth of relationships that exist between our students and teachers. When each year 12 student went to get their certificate they were greeted with a warm embrace or hand shake by all their house leaders over the past 6 years. Teachers at this school care about their students and it is obvious that this care is returned tenfold.

During the past week, our year 8 – 10 students have also engaged in their very first end of year exams. It has been fantastic to hear how seriously students have taken to the assessment, both in terms of their preparation and sitting of the actual exams. This is fantastic preparation for senior secondary schooling and will provide students with vital skills to succeed in their academic endeavours. Teachers have been very busy marking these exams and all feedback will be provided to students this week. This will support marking for the final reporting cycle which will be published on 2nd December. Please make sure you go over your child's report with them and discuss their learning goals into Headstart and 2017.

Kind regards,

Assistant Principal Report

Adam Matheson, Cassandra Crevola, Daniel Lee



Adam Mathe-

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

What a wonderful evening to complement our class of 2016's journey through education. Our school captains spoke with maturity beyond their years and provided an insightful synopsis of life as a Warrnambool College student. Our school principal, Dave Cliff then built on this narrative explaining how students had shaped his educational purpose and gave him the courage to sing 'Dream the Impossible Dream' in front of a sold out Lighthouse Theatre – he received a standing ovation for his display of courage. Our school community recognises the difficult journeys that many of our students overcame during their 13 years of education and acknowledge the support of their wonderful families who have enabled our students to flourish into the young adults they are today. We wish all our graduating Year 12 students the very best in their futures and we will always welcome them back with open arms.



Cassandra
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EXAMS FOR YEAR 8-10

This was the first time our school has scheduled exams for all core subjects for Year 8-10 students; these exams were conducted under full exam conditions in the school hall. The behaviour and effort shown by our students during these exams was exemplary. The reason for the shift to these scheduled exams was to prepare our students for VCE exams and provide an opportunity to experience the exam atmosphere and conditions.



Dan Lee

HEADSTART

We begin our 2017 academic school year next week. All students will roll into their new academic groups and elective choices. The Headstart program is a great opportunity for all students to begin their new subjects with new teachers and start setting goals and expectations to ensure all students are giving their best attitude and effort across all subjects.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM

As stated in previous newsletters – our alternative end of year program begins on the 12th December and finishes on the 16th December. Each KLA will provide a range of engaging activities for all students in attendance during this week.

IMPORTANT DATES

Headstart for current 7-9 students – 28th November to 9th December

Headstart for current 10-11 students – 28th November to 2nd December

House Celebration Events – Thursday 1st December Periods 3/4 (see Compass for details)

Junior Final Assembly – Friday 9th December 1.30-3.20pm (School Hall)

Senior Final Assembly – Tuesday 13th December 7.00pm (Lighthouse Theatre)

House Student Leadership Camp – Wednesday 14th December – Thursday 15th December

Art Space

Mary Luke treated Art students to a discussion and viewing of her daughter Laura's most recent body of work depicting the earth's curious creatures.

Laura a former student of Warrnambool College is currently working full-time as an artist and has numerous environmental and private commissions. This was a great opportunity for students to gain an insight into the process and techniques utilised by Laura and appreciate the versatility of her illustrations as Artworks and homewares.

Special thank you to Mary Luke for her time .



Some major events in the past month for the Clontarf boys have included...

Warrnambool Clontarf boys worked with South West TAFE students from the STOMP Program. STOMP (Students Together on Meaningful Pathways) is a community based life skills literacy and numeracy program for students with a disability.

The task involved



the boys collaborating with the students in preparing and cooking hamburgers from scratch, followed with the all-important taste test.

As always, the activity proved to be extremely rewarding and enjoyable for all. The boys, throughout the year have really developed their connection with this wonderful group of students. Needless to say all were keen to continue the connection with this outstanding group of students next year. Special thanks is extended to Jo Beattie from TAFE who helped facilitate this activity and Bakers Delight Warrnambool Norfolk Plaza for supplying the rolls – greatly appreciated!

Warrnambool Clontarf Academy shared the Clontarf story with representatives from Amnesty International, Warrnambool. The boys were able to outline the program and impart how it had made a difference in their lives. They also learnt about the role of Amnesty with its focus on human rights. The boys were also privileged to hear from renowned Australian Comedian and Presenter, Tom Ballard. His journey from Warrnambool to now travelling the world and entertaining people. We are extremely grateful to you for making the time.

Warrnambool Clontarf Academy celebrated their Awards night in style culminating the year achieved by all the boys and importantly thanking everyone that has supported them on their journey.



Hopkins

Firstly, what an exciting time of the year! Headstart is fast approaching, exams are finished and the Summer Holidays are on the horizon! Hopkins House is full of energy at the moment and is a fun, positive, happy place to be!

We have a huge congratulations to make on behalf of not only Hopkins House, but the whole Warrnambool College Community.

Alyssa James, in year 10, has won the State Championships of BMX and is now the State Champion in the 18 year old and under BMX category!

In a statement from the Warrnambool BMX Club, they say "Congratulations to Alyssa for winning Victoria Number One, we are so proud of you, well deserved Alyssa, all your hard work and training has paid off."

So Alyssa, from all of us at Warrnambool College, but in particular Hopkins House, CONGRATULATIONS and good luck with your future races!

We welcome back Mark Sullivan who has been away enjoying his time on his Honeymoon. Sull, we hope you had a great time and it's fantastic to see you back here again!

The Hopkins Leaders have been busy organising the End of Year activity which takes place on Thursday the 1st of December. It is sure to be a fun day filled with smiles and laughter and we can't wait to see everyone there! The Leaders are also looking forward to the upcoming Leadership Camp to be held in Port Fairy. If you have anything you think the Leaders should bring up at the event make sure you let one of the team know! The Leaders meet on Tuesday Lunchtimes in the Hopkins office so pop your head in and say hi!

It has been fantastic to see so many Hopkins students asking their tutors for WoW prizes. We, the Hopkins staff, genuinely enjoy rewarding your attitude and effort in class, so if you have earned a prize please ensure you ask your tute teacher for it!

It is a busy time of the year, and with Headstart commencing, it brings some new challenges. Remember to be resilient. Remember that everyone will be in new classes trying to make new friends. Be persistent, don't give up your effort just because it is the end of the year. Show respect to peers, staff and the entire College Community. We are so lucky to be part of this fantastic school.

Risk it. Get the Biscuit. Hopkins.

Music Academy Upcoming Events!

THIS Friday- Junior Concert Band perform at Warrnambool Primary school. Meet at the auditorium at 1:30pm so we can walk down together!

Thursday 1st December- South West Youth Music Festival at Brauer College. Come for a band rehearsal at 8am, then we will get the bus to Brauer College at 8:45am for the day. Bring a water bottle, snacks, lunch (or money for canteen), your instrument and invite your family to the concert at 2pm, Brauer College Auditorium.

WE MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENTS ON COMPASS, AND THE ADDITIONAL SWYMF FORM RETURNED TO THE MUSIC OFFICE BEFORE YOU CAN GO!

Mon 5th Dec- Junior Concert Band play for the first Orientation Day, 8:45am

Tues 6th Dec- Junior and Senior Concert Band play for the second Orientation Day, 8am-9:15am

Thurs 8th Dec- MUSIC ACADEMY EXTRAVAGANZA!!! 6pm for 6:30pm start! (see poster)

FRIDAY 9th Dec- Junior Final Assembly- Junior Concert Band, Junior Rock Band and choir

Mon 12th and Tues 13th Dec - Primary School Rock Band concerts

Tues 13th Dec- Senior Final Assembly- Senior Concert Band, Soul Band

Thurs 15th Dec- Music Academy BOWLING and FISH and CHIPS! Bring \$10, meet at bowling alley in Timor st from 4:30pm.



Logans

It's been a busy few weeks in Logans!

We saw our year 12 students at their Graduation Ceremony at the Lighthouse Theatre last Friday. It was amazing to see how well the students presented themselves and it was an honour to be able to congratulate them on their achievements to date. Even though, for most of them, the Warrnambool College part of their journey may be over we certainly wish them all the very best for the future – in whichever direction they choose to take. They've made us proud and we hope the things they've learned and the friends they've made will stay with them throughout their lives. Well done all!

Plans are taking place for the Logans end of year celebration which will take place period 4 on Thursday 1st December. This year will be our first ever 'Chill on the hill'. The leadership team are still finalising the activities but some of the features of the chill are in place. The canteen staff are offering some special deals for lunchtime and an ice cream truck has been booked and will be parked up next to the hill for our use. Mr McKenzie is sorting out some tunes for the event so feel free to see him with some requests! We hope it will be a relaxing end of year event with activities to take part in should you wish to. There'll be prizes too... Look out for posters and an information letter with full details with what's on offer – Go Logans!

We bid farewell to another amazing group of students – our year 11 cohort. We hope to see as many of them as possible back next year to complete their year 12 although, for some, they're off seeking new adventures either in employment or furthering their education elsewhere. Again, we wish them all the very best and, regardless of whether or not they'll be back next year, we hope they'll stay safe and enjoy the well-earned rest over the holiday period. Good luck all!

There have been some more tweaks in the Logan's staffing. We were very grateful to Miss Shamail for coming to support us for a couple of weeks from Flagstaff – she was a real asset to us and we were sad to see her go back. Belfast's finest Bmac is currently on board and he, too, is a real asset and we'll certainly be sad to see him leave the college at the end of this year. Mr Alger will be continuing in the role of Acting Logans House Leader for the near future and will be welcoming the support from Mrs Vesey and Mr Gratton who will be joining the House team in the new school year.

On a final note, we hope your exams went well and that all of your hard work has paid off. Good luck with your results and stay focused and positive for your Headstart program. You're a great group and you're in the right place! Go Logans!



**Cudgee
Night
Market**

**Friday
25 November
5-8pm**

Fresh local produce, plants, handmade goods, jewellery, Melting Pot curries, Twistto, Le Crepe Man, Timboon Ice-cream, a raffle, baby & children's wear, pony rides, entertainment and much more!

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VET Classes and Arrangements for 2017:

The enrolment for VET classes commenced in August and is now coming to a conclusion. Students were required to proceed through a number of steps to be deemed "VET Ready"

Briefly the process is as follows: 1) Complete computer subject selections, 2) Complete the College VET Enrolment Form, including creating a USI No and payment of the VET fees, 3) Completing the TAFE online enrolment form. 4) Attend the VET Orientation Session – receiving a VET Booklist, Course Outline, Enrolment Confirmation Form. 5) Signing the TAFE enrolment form hard copy.

Once you have complete all 5 steps then your are deemed as "VET Ready"

VET and Headstart Program:

VET Classes do not commence until Thursday 9 February 2017 (Week 2). VET Music Students commence on Thursday 2 February 2017 (Week 1).

Therefore as the schools Headstart program commences, No Vet classes will operate on a Thursday Period 3 and 4 until next year. This includes the following dates:

Thursday: Thurs 1 Dec, Thurs 8 Dec, and Week 1 of 2017, Thursday 2 February.

Students can be excused from Period 3 & 4 on these dates if you complete the attached permission form and return the form to the General Office before Wed 30 Nov (by the start of Period 3) – All students **MUST Sign Out** of the school at the General Office before leaving the College. Students staying at school will report to the Library for private study during Period 3 & 4.

Note: You can also advise the school of your preferences by completing a parent **Approved Permit on the Compass system.**

Headstart (Year 11) MiVCE Students and (Year 12) VCAL students are not required at school on a Thursday.

Students who do have Parental / Guardian Permission to Leave school after Period 2 on a Thursday **MUST Sign Out** at the General Office. If you have any questions please contact Mr Bollard on 55644 406. Students are being issued with Permit forms, but due to exams – not all are at school.

VET Teaching Campus's

This includes the Following SW TAFE Campuses: **Sherwood Park Campus (Deakin Uni):** *Building and Construction, Conservation & Environment*. **Timor Street Campus:** *Automotive - some, Beauty, Catering Yr 1 & Hospitality Kitchen Operations Yr 2, Electrical, Hairdressing, Health, Makeup, Media*. **TTC Campus (in Front of Brauer College)** *Engineering and some Automotive*.

VET Music students attend Emmanuel College – Students walk directly to Emmanuel College – Ardlie Street or McAuley Campus. Classes commence on **Thursday 2 February at 1:25 pm**. Week 1 – meet your Teacher at the front office.

Transport Arrangements - If you are attending Warrnambool College on Thursday mornings, you are required to go to TAFE on the Bus Transport provided. It will leave the Bus interchange (Top of School) at 12:20 pm. The Bus will not wait for you ! It is your responsibility to be on the Bus. Students can change into your workshop clothing at TAFE – they have changing rooms available at each campus. If you are a **VCAL or MiVCE student** you can go to **TAFE directly from home**.

VET Classes finish usually between 4:30 pm and 5:00 pm and students make your own way home from the venue.

VET Holiday Blocks for 2017:

Many VET Courses include attending a Holiday Block Week. If you are NOT prepared to attend this Holiday Block, you will not be able to complete the course and you are advised with Withdraw Now and choose another subject.

Automotive = 9:00am to 4:30pm (3 July to 7 July)

Build & Construction= 8:00am to 5:00pm (3 July to 7 July)

Engineering = 8:00am to 5:00pm (3 July to 7 July)

VET information continued

Hospitality = 8:00am to 5:00pm (3 July to 7 July)

Electrical = 1:00pm to 5:00pm (3 July to 7 July)

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VET courses run Holiday Blocks so they can complete large units of work that take a number of hours in one session. They are not able to complete them during normal Thursdays.

If you have any questions about these arrangements please contact Mr Bollard at the College.

Flagstaff

It has been a busy term for the students in Flagstaff with amazing efforts happening all around us, from the high level achievements to the little every day successes that make this house such a great place to be involved in. A shout out goes to all the year 12's who have worked tirelessly to get to graduation and deserve their summer break before the world Awaits. Huge thanks to not only the year 12 students leaving but more so the way they have represented the college over the past six years. To our captains Jenna and Ollie it is with great thanks for the leadership you have provided to me but also to your peers. I reflect on the graduation evening last Friday and the speech from Ollie and how proud you made not only myself feel but also your parents, teachers and the college community. Oh the Places You'll Go

On the sporting front it has been a hectic term with some sensational efforts by our Flagstaff troops who made state finals for their respective sports. To the students who stood up and showed outstanding leadership in the Super Sports Extravaganza you should be really proud of your efforts as you proved how lucky we are to be a part of this supportive Warrnambool College community.

Excellent achievement to all the new house leaders on being nominated to help make this house the best it can be. It is an honour to be recognised by your peers as influential individuals and the opportunities are endless, as you are able to collaborate and make this house a place the students can be proud to represent. To all of our students it is important to remember that although these students were nominated to lead the house, you are all leaders at some stage and our decisions have the ability to impact others around us in immeasurable ways. Let's take it upon ourselves to set examples that we can be proud of displaying.

House Leaders for 2017:

House Captains: Josh Bermingham and Emily Duncan

Sports Captains: Ben Warren and Kira Noske-Poulton

Environmental Captain: Declan Watts

Philanthropic Captains: Nick Attrill and Annabelle Nutting

Publicity Captains: Jemimah Smith and Shona Noske-Poulton

Middle School Captains: Hayley Dalton and Jada Page

SLIC Junior Captain: Jade Rees

A special mention goes out to Caitlin Morden who has used her initiative to nominate herself for a Youth Scholar Scholarship with Melbourne University. She has been a successful applicant and as a result will be travelling down to Melbourne University throughout next year to integrate herself into the surroundings and give herself higher chances of being accepted to the university when she graduates. This shows exceptional drive and highlights what students can do when they put themselves out there and chase their dreams.

Our end of year activity day is on the 1/12/2016. It will be awesome to celebrate the amazing achievements that we have made in the house this year with games, movies and a sausage sizzle. It has been a wonderful year thus far for Flagstaff so let's make sure we finish it off with a bang!

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.

WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE @ STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 – 2 X SILVER!

Wednesday 16th November at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Georgia McDowell, Grace Farrer, Rithika Josy and Breanna Billing came second this year (third in 2015). After a difficult first round, these girls bounced back to reach the final. It is only in the last doubles that Irymple SC from Mildura made the difference and won the championship. Congratulations to our Warrnambool college girls and to their coach Trevor McDowell for great performance. Thank you to the McDowell family for their support during the tournament and to the Warrnambool College table tennis coordinator Andrew Conquest! Well done girls, you should be very proud of your effort! Bronze in 2015, Silver in 2016 and some more accomplishment and fun in 2017! -Vincent Gagniere

Next day it was crunch time for the Intermediate Boys Team. After a pre dawn drive to Melbourne the competition began and the team (Alec McKenna, Joe Sycopoulos, Pratheek Josy, Alex Brock and Nick Goodman) quickly got into their stride - knocking out quite a few very competitive table tennis teams. Our opponents in the final - Melbourne High- were always going to be tough to beat with three state representatives. It was a tough match with long rallies played by two teams who clearly respected each other skills but Melbourne High was just too strong and we had to settle for runners up this year. Maybe next year! Well done and special thanks to coach Trevor McDowell - the Table tennis academy training is helping to make our teams super competitive. -Andrew Conquest



Term 4 in Hands on Learning.

Well the year is slowly coming to an end for Hands on Learning 2016. The students have completed 6 x chess tables for the Library – all painted in House colors. We would like to thank Logan's House Leader, Dave Alger for his great work providing the stickers. The VCAL students at TAFE initiated a mural for Mental Health Week (it is currently on display at the Warrnambool Civic Green). All secondary schools participated and Warrnambool College contributed through great artwork from the Hands on Learning Tuesday group. We have also been called upon to clean up the storage shed roof that was blown off due to high winds last week. The vegetable/herb garden is also thriving so call in to the Hands on Learning Hut and help yourself. Our current tasks include; continuing to make and design our boomerangs, spreading bark in the Science wing garden, starting the construction of Tozer Reserve seating and tables. We are also in the process of working towards getting the aquaponics up and working early 2017.

We would like to thank all the House Leaders and the Wellbeing staff for your continued support to the Hands on Learning program in 2016. We have recently made contact with local MP's Roma Britnell and James Purcell and we are looking at ways of funding Hands on Learning into the future. Unfortunately in 2017 we will be dropping from 2 days to 1 which is disappointing as we currently have a waiting list and we believe we could expand to 3 days. Thanks to all supporters of HOL.

Leon Carey and Kym Lyons.



Community Notices / Useful Information

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.



Bloke's BBQ

Your Levy at Work

Let's get together to celebrate the men in the dairy industry with a FREE men's night out.

After a challenging year it is time to get off the farm for an evening of laughter and entertainment. The evening will be part of the Movember campaign and those participating will be able to have a professional shave to get the Mo off. But there is plenty for those without hairy upper lips, including two very special guest speakers, Rodney Hogg and Sam Kekovich.



Sam Kekovich AFL star and author Sam Kekovich is a flamboyant media identity and the 'out-there' face of the Australian meat and livestock campaign for lamb. His presentation will bring together all his best stories and the characters he has encountered over the last 30 plus years of his involvement in football and life, adding his own special slant and commentary on the world.



Rodney Hogg Cricket Legend and media commentator Rodney Hogg will entertain with fascinating stories about his life and a great sense of humour to match. "Hoggie" was a genuinely quick bowler who destroyed the English batting line-up on his entrance to Test cricket.



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When: 30th November 2016, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Where: Terang Harness Racing Club, Princess Highway Terang

FREE BBQ Dinner available from 6.30pm until 8.00pm followed by dessert.

A complimentary drink will be offered on arrival.

RSVP essential for catering purposes.

RSVP by Monday 28th November to Amanda at WestVic Dairy on 5557 1000 or email amanda@westvicdairy.com.au

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Conveyance allowance

The DET (Department of Education and Training) provides financial support to some families to assist with the cost of transport to school. Assistance in the form of a conveyance allowance is available to students who live in rural and remote areas who do not have access to a free school bus service. The conveyance allowance is payable to parents of students who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- must be between 5-18 years of age

- Must travel 4.8km or more from where they live to either the nearest denominational school and not have access to a government school bus route or:

- Must travel 4.8km or more to the nearest government school bus route.

Forms are available from the front office. Please contact Karina Said on 5564 4444 for further information.

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