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And of course there’s been so many other activities that I haven’t been involved in over the past couple of weeks, and there are many happening as I type right now. With a school as big as Warrnambool College you’d expect it to be busy. What I love about this school though is that the busyness is directed into so many meaningful and exciting ways, in and out of the classroom. Please make sure you join in with the various opportunities afforded to our students over the course of the year.

David Clift
Principal Report

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Assistant Principal Report
Adam Matheson, David Clift, Emma Miller, Danny Finn

RELAY FOR LIFE
What an astounding show of community spirit our school displayed at this event. We had over 150 participants with nearly 110 students and staff staying overnight to ensure our baton kept moving the entire time. Our school counted for over 12% of the total number of participants for the whole event. This shows that our students know the importance of supporting others that are less fortunate. This is also reflected in the fundraising events and activities we undertake for our House Charities. Over the past six years our students have raised $80,000 for our House charities – an amazing effort. Well done to all involved.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY
This ceremony acknowledges our student leaders that have been voted in by their peers for the 2016 school year. The guest speaker was Tara Eccles who delivered a beautiful speech about how Warrnambool College had prepared her well for the next phase of her life and how she embraced the opportunity to be a leader in the House System. Dave Clift spoke about how leadership is important but to remember it isn’t always just about leading and Adam Matheson spoke about a ‘Generation of Houses’; it has been six years since the House System was launched at our school. Maddie Solly and Will Bonney spoke on behalf of the School Captains and all of the leaders received their badges and certificates which were presented by their House Leaders.

DEODORANT AT SCHOOL
We strongly encourage that students do not bring pressurised deodorant cans to school. It is much healthier and environmentally friendly to use roll on antiperspirants. While we encourage the importance of personal hygiene, we also acknowledge that some students can have adverse side effects if they are in the vicinity of a student spraying deodorant. We would like our students to be considerate that pressurised deodorants can impact the health and wellbeing of others and chose a roll on deodorant instead.

IS SHE THE FIRST BULLANT GOLD MEDALIST???
A huge congratulations must be extend to Madi Ratcliffe who is currently playing for the Hockeyroos in a tournament in Perth. This is an amazing achievement for Madi and we wish her the very best in her sporting endeavours. We are extremely proud of her achievements and we will be watching with great interest to see if she can run out with the team and represent Australia at the upcoming Olympics.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM
All Year 7 students will receive their consent form for the 2016 Immunisation Program in tutorial next week. All consent forms must be returned to the Main Office; no consent no immunisation. Parents wishing to immunise their child in an alternative setting can contact the council for more details. The dates for our 2016 Immunisation Program are as follows;

- 21st March – Phase One
- 24th May – Phase Two
- 4th October – Phase Three

UPCOMING DATES
- 8th March – WC Athletics Carnival – Brauerander Park
- 14th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
- 22nd March – Parent – Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 24th March – Last day of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)
**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.

**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.

**School Council Elections 2016**

As we have received more nominations than vacancies we will be holding an election for the parent category of School Council.

Ballot papers have been sent home with the eldest student from each family on the 19th February 2016 with a return date of 4:00pm on the 26th February 2016.

Please bear this date in mind if you are returning your ballot paper by mail.

Please note candidates are listed in random order on the ballot paper.

Warrnambool College has 4 vacant positions and 5 nominations.

We ask families to please vote in 4 of the 5 boxes only.

2 envelopes will be provided.

Each voting sheet is to be placed in the blank envelope.

That envelope is then to be placed inside the 2nd reply paid envelope with your name and address written on the back and returned to Warrnambool College by 4.00pm on the 26th of February 2016.

**2015 Awards**

Could parents please ensure that students who received a monetary award at the 2015 final assemblies, bank these cheques. This will enable the school to finalise the balance of accounts.

**Bullants School Socks**

Bullants School Socks can now be purchased at the front office for $10 a pair.
Warrnambool College Swimming Sports 2016

What a fantastic sight it was as the mass colours of our 6 Houses came down the hill into Aquazone for our school swimming sports on Monday 8th February. Well done to students who supported their house through a wide and varied range of costumes.

The sun shone brightly and there were some fantastic performances both in the pool and on the hill. Students enthusiastically participated in various novelty events which contributed towards overall points for their houses. The final of the tug of war was set to be fiercely contested between Childers and Logans, only to be cut short when the rope snapped!!

2 new records were set in the pool. Congratulations to Thomas Buckley in the 20 years 50m backstroke and Rachel Vickery in the 13 years 50m backstroke.

At the end of the day it was MERRI house who came out on top.

Results for the day were:

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Thank you to all students and staff who helped to make the day run smoothly.

Good Luck to our swimmers competing in the Warrnambool Division swimming sports at Aquazone on Thursday 25th February.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

**Female**

- 13 years: Rachel Vickery
- 14 years: Emily Ward
- 15 years: Rhiannah Maddocks
- 16 years: Denbi Lamb
- 17 years: Brittany Leach
- 20 years: Madalyn Wines

**Male**

- 13 years: Liam King
- 14 years: Noah Best
- 15 years: Trey Ahu
- 16 years: Rhys Kent
- 17 years: Blake Turner
- 20 years: Thomas Buckley

Medallions will be presented at the next school assembly.
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On behalf of Warrnambool College, we would like to sincerely thank retired Warrnambool College teacher John Maddock.

John has been the official starter at each and every event at Warrnambool College Swimming Sports for the past 12 years. John has then attended all Western Division (interschool) and the Greater Western Region Swimming carnivals held at Aquazone. Over the years, he has also supported primary and secondary swimming, travelling to Portland and Hamilton to do so.

As a Swimming Victoria Official, John’s expertise and experience has been invaluable.
As we lit our candles, we remembered and honoured our loved ones past and present. These brave victims fought the deadly disease known as cancer.

On the 13th of February 2016, over 100 Warrnambool College students attended the Relay for Life at Deakin University Warrnambool. The Warrnambool College team ended up raising just over 3,000 dollars for the Cancer Council.

Lounging under the stars, or in Warrnambool College’s tent, 86 of us “slept the night” some toasty warm or freezing cold in our swags; and no we didn’t just lay around all night—instead we walked/ran to raise awareness for Cancer Research late into the night and in the early hours of the morning.

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who participated and supported the team in raising awareness for the Cancer Council.

- Student Leadership team
The Year 12 study retreat started smoothly as the buses departed for Deakin University Warrnambool campus. We arrived before Cobden, Camperdown, Portland and Mortlake who joined us to focus on how to get the best outcomes in Year 12. The day started with a short presentation from Adam Matheson about their potential and how attitude plays the biggest part in each student’s results but also as a cohort of the Class of 2016. Ross Huggard then came to the stage to present 2 one hour presentations about the English course, the context and texts studied and advice about the exam to keep in mind for the whole year. The final three sessions of the day were from Elevate Education who presented Study Sensei, Time Management and Memory Mnemonics which were all so motivating.

It is a credit to all the presenters that I had so many positive pieces of feedback from students, teachers from other schools and guests. The students who attended should also take some credit as every presenter commented on the positive and nice attitude of the students.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to set up the day and for Cobden, Camperdown, Portland and Mortlake in joining us on such an inspiring day with so many wonderful ideas about how to set up for such an important year.

Geelong Cats inspire Warrnambool College Leaders & Bullants

Student leaders and More than a focus on footy students had leadership workshop with Geelong Football Club Leaders at Brauer College.

Our students worked on issues and situations that they might come across at school with student leaders from other schools. The Geelong Footballers facilitated the session. It was a great experience for our students.

The Geelong players were Patrick Dangerfield, Mitch Duncan, George Horlin-Smith, Scott Selwood, Lachie Henderson.
On Monday the 15th of February all of the Year 8s attended a workshop run by Road to Refuge. Road to Refuge is a non-profit organisation that runs educational workshops to teach people about refugees and asylum seekers. We learnt about the hardships that refugees have to face and the conditions within offshore detention centres. Annie, a Road to Refuge volunteer, told us a first-person story which followed a young girl from Iran to Indonesia, then Australia to Nauru. We imagined what it would be like to be in her shoes; the decisions she might have to make and how she might be feeling. We would like to thank the Road to Refuge team and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Written by the Year 8 SEALP SOSE class, on behalf of all of Year 8 and their teachers.

Welcome back Boot Campers!
Warrnambool Clontarf Boot Camp is up and running again this term!
This brilliant program encompasses many Key Learning Areas as well as integrally building solid, positive relations between staff and students.

Warrnambool Clontarf boys were privileged to host two prominent local Indigenous guests. Locky Eccles, Gunditjamara Elder and Southwest Tafe Koorie Liaison Officer, and Ashley Couzens, a proud Gunditjamara Kirrae Whurrongman man & Close the Gap Co-ordinator, met with the boys at the Clontarf Academy room to share their journey thus far. The boys not only gave them an understanding of the Clontarf program but also made a beneficial connection for future activities.

The Warrnambool Clontarf Academy Year 7 boys took part in the annual Induction Camp to Torquay. The boys had a fulfilled time and gained a better insight into the Clontarf program. We discussed our expectations of all the boys as they worked through the ‘Code of Conduct.’

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Food Technology Report

The students are well under way with their studies for the semester. All classes have covered various aspects of health and safety in a kitchen and should be in the process of either working on or finalising their first assessment pieces. The Year 7 classes are learning the basics so practice at home on such things as washing dishes and helping to prepare meals would be great.

At this point a friendly reminder - students should have containers for their practical lessons. We are using a new app – Foodies – for the recipes. It does have a cost to it but will assist students in class as they will have the recipe filed for use and they will also have them for future use. If not using the app then please ensure there is a display folder for the paper recipes to go into for cleanliness and organisation.

If parents have any concerns then please contact us, especially if there are any food allergies.
Technology Report

David Alger

Year 9 Students in this year’s new Engineering Challenges elective have been investigating Structures and Forces. They have been designing and building solutions to a range of challenges related to structures. One of the projects entailed the construction of a frame which would need to support the weight of 50 litres of water using only 8mm x 8mm lengths of wood.

Students learned the importance of accuracy in construction and the use of triangulation in strengthening structures. Nearly all of the teams constructed a frame which supported the weight of the water. One team, led by Matison Wytkamp made a superb structure which was almost indestructible. It was still standing firm after holding the weight of 150 litres of water!

The second structure was to be a free-standing bridge which a remote controlled car could be driven both over and under. All of the bridges were successful and the competition was decided by a driving skills test. Ollie Bridgewater drove his team to success after negotiating the course in an unrivalled 6.84 seconds!

The group are now starting a transport project where they will undertake challenges to test their boat, car and glider design and construction skills. A rocket powered car project will look at alternative power sources while an egg-crash challenge will investigate vehicle occupant protection.
Welcome to STS Student Exchange

High School students from all over the world dream about living and studying in Australia. The lucky ones arrive every year, in January or in July, for their student exchange program, thanks to the generosity of our volunteer host families. Many people experience a new country by travelling, others choose to be host parents or host siblings to an exchange student. Join them and experience cultural exchange in your own home! Every year we welcome students from Western Europe, Canada, South America and Thailand; they come here to attend one or two semesters at high school and live with a volunteer host family. By opening your heart and your home to an exchange student, your family will make a significant difference to the life of a young person eagerly waiting to come to our country.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Your responsibility is to welcome the student as a member of your family and to provide the same care & support you give to your own children. We ask that you provide a bed and two to three meals a day. The student is expected to fully participate in the family’s daily life, including participating in the same chores you expect from your own children. The student is responsible for covering costs such as the school uniform and all other school equipment, transport to and from school, phone calls, Internet, toiletries, clothing and any other personal items, school trips and holiday trips if applicable. STS ensures that all students have comprehensive health, travel and personal liability insurance cover. STS also takes care of all school arrangements and provides local support to all students and their host families.

WHO CAN BE HOST PARENTS?

Our host families come from all walks of life. What they have in common is an interest in other cultures and a desire to share their family life. Your family can live in a house or in an apartment, in a city or in the countryside. Retired couples, single parents, couples with or without children, couples with primary school children and couples with teenagers are all welcome to apply. Please note that no payment or financial compensation can be provided to our volunteer host families, a common rule for registered student exchange organisations to ensure that selected families want to host the student for the cultural exchange experience only.

Semester and Year students are due to arrive July 2016.

Please direct enquiries to Warrnambool College staff member, Judy Cavanough.
DEB DRESS SALE!

Hey Girls,

Have you dreamed about your ideal deb dress but don’t want to pay the big bucks?

Come along to the first ever Deb Dress Sale where hundreds of girls will be selling their dresses and score yourself a bargain.

**Where:** Warrnambool Primary School’s Gym.

**When:** Saturday 27th February

**Time:** 10AM-2PM

Entry to view the dresses will be by gold coin donation with all proceeds from the door and dress registrations going to the Leila Rose Foundation.

Please note when trying on dresses please avoid wearing heavy makeup or fake tan as dry cleaning for dresses is expensive.

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Entries are now open for the 2016 Victorian Primary Schools and Secondary Schools golf events.

All individual entries must be completed online via the Schools Calendar on the Golf Victoria website.

To bulk upload several participants at once please refer to the bulk upload template provided on the Primary School and Secondary School homepages.
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**Powercor Schools Incentive Program**

Powercor Tour de Depot is returning to Warrnambool on Sunday 18 April 2016 and this year you have the chance to win up to $6,000 for your school!

This new initiative designed especially for local schools is a great opportunity for students and teachers to get involved in a fun community bike ride and festival, while raising much-needed funds for a local charity.

This year we are proud to be partnering with Standing Tall. Standing Tall is an early intervention, school-based mentoring program designed to identify students who are at risk of disengaging from the opportunities offered to them and potentially leaving school without a complete education.

Standing Tall is a unique program that aligns with Powercor’s values of succeeding together, being the best you can be, and being community minded.

Your school is invited to register, participate and fundraise as a team for Powercor Tour de Depot. The school that raises the most funds, or has the highest number of registered participants will win a prize pool of up to $5,000.

To participate in the Powercor Schools Incentive Program, all you need to do is register at [http://bit.ly/1QAAMtT](http://bit.ly/1QAAMtT).

One of the Tour de Depot team members will then be in touch to get your school set up and ready to fundraise!

This is your chance to get involved in the Powercor Tour de Depot, where together we can make a real difference in our community.

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**Prevention is Possible**

**Forum 22nd Feb**

Interested in the wellbeing and healthy development of children and young people or concerned about antisocial behaviour, alcohol and drug use or school dropout?

“Prevention is Possible” is a forum organised by Communities That Care Warrnambool at Lighthouse Theatre on Monday 22nd February from 10 am until 3 pm. Tickets are $35.30, covering morning tea and lunch.

Seats are limited so register now.

[ctcwarrnambool.com](http://ctcwarrnambool.com)
New Group at Art Shack

After School Art Classes
2 hours sessions 4:30pm – 6:30pm
All materials included
$20 a session (up front term fees) or $25 casual rate
Sea Mist Studio - Logans Beach

Individual Artistic Development
Boys Group Yr 4 - 9: Mondays

Secondary Students: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Individual direction in all mediums

Primary Students: Thursdays
Term focus: First hour - Relief Sculptures
Second hour - Individual direction in all mediums.
Contact: Kate Cherrett
Mobile: 0417 383 757
Email: seamiststudioapartments@gmail.com

New opportunity offered for a boys art group.
Be part of a positive engaging social group fostering creativity & problem solving whilst developing a wide variety of skills and techniques.
Aside from offering individual development in drawing and painting which explores a wide variety of mediums traditional (eg. Water colours) and contemporary (eg. spray paint) these sessions provide a chance to develop individual and collaborative projects of their own design.
Instruction in the use of equipment, tools and materials used in art forms such as sculpture, pottery & ceramics, various forms of printing, including lino cut and screen-printing mosaic and collage.
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.

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.