I still vividly remember the first day I walked around Warrnambool High School as a student back on orientation day of 1987. I remember looking around at how big everything was in comparison to Noorat Primary School. I’m sure there were a few times that day when I wondered just how I would navigate this place over the next 6 years. Ultimately this school was the making of me – it set me up for success in so many aspects of my life, professionally and personally. And significantly it supported many of my friends to achieve great things in their lives as well.

It’s been somewhat surreal to return to Warrnambool College, initially as a teacher, then an Assistant Principal and now as the Principal of this great school. I take on such a role with a great sense of humility. Warrnambool College traces its roots back to Warrnambool Agricultural High School, the second oldest government secondary school in Victoria. A vast array of alumni from this school have gone on to achieve incredible feats in the fields of science, media, sport, technology, languages, the trades and beyond. More recently our students have achieved amazing results in academia and extra-curricular pursuits. It has been the greatest school to belong to as a student, teacher and leader.

So many people in the wider school community have come up to me in the past month and congratulated me on my appointment to the Principal position. Their comments have been genuine and heart-warming and model the sense of positivity that we strive so hard to build our school culture around. As a school community I know there are many ways in which we can collaboratively improve the way we offer a challenging, robust, relevant and purposeful education for Warrnambool’s youth. We are a great school now, but we have the opportunity to become consistently remarkable. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you over coming months and years as we achieve this aim and build upon the successes of this incredible school.

Kind Regards,

Dave Clift
Principal
Assistant Principal Report
Adam Matheson, Emma Miller, Dan Lee

Standing Tall
This is a very worthy program and one that we are essentially very lucky to be able to run in the College. This year Powercor selected the charity as their major focus organisation for the Tour De Depot. This has meant a major influx of funds into the program, ensuring that it will be able to continue for many years to come. Our students and staff are incredibly grateful for the work of this organisation – all run by volunteers from the community and managed from a school perspective by our Chaplain, Kate Dancey. On Sunday when the ride took place it was so wonderful to see the College represented by a variety of staff and students. While the Tour De Depot raised over $60,000 for the charity, they also very generously donated a brand new bike to every College student involved in the Standing Tall program. A fantastic community imitative and we are very proud of their achievements.

Visitor Parking
At the end of Term 1 we adjusted the available parking outside the main entrance to the office. This parking space now holds 6 carparks that are strictly reserved for visitors to the school. The parking spaces are clearly labeled as either 15 min parking or 30 min parking. This change is in recognition of the number of parents and visitors to the school who were finding it difficult to obtain parking close to the office. We hope that these changes make it easier for you to navigate around the school.

Engagement and Wellbeing Committee
We are currently seeking students and/or parents who would like to be part of the Engagement and Wellbeing committee. This committee meets once per month during a lunch time, 1.30 to 2 pm. You would have an opportunity to make suggestions and have input into all major changes and programs at the College. This committee is made up of students, staff and parents. A free lunch is also provided.

All of the uniform changes from the past 3 years have been generated from this committee. If you would like to take part in this committee could you please see Mrs Miller. Additionally, if there are any parents that would like to be involved, you are most welcome to attend.

School Uniform
Students and parents should by now be aware that we do not condone the wearing of skins as part of the school uniform. The PE uniform includes track pants and shorts but does not include skins. Female students that are wearing this as part of their daily uniform will be given postings and demerits via Compass.

If students are wishing to purchase a soft shell jacket, these can be ordered through Joroni or through our uniform shop. The jacket supplied through the uniform shop is more expensive, but is on the shelf and available for immediate purchase. The jackets sold through Joroni Embroidery, a local business, cost $75. School football socks and hats can also be purchased through the office and worn as part of the everyday school uniform.
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Adam Matheson, Emma Miller, Dan Lee

Chinese Sister School
In February of this year we had the opportunity to host a cultural exchange visit from a school in Shanghai, China. We have since established a sister school relationship with this school and look forward to a long relationship and understanding between the two schools. Families that hosted a Chinese student learned a lot about cultural differences and bathroom/toilet behavior that is markedly different in Western Culture. After this hosting, 17 Warrnambool College students then had the opportunity to participate in a return visit to the school and experience squat toilets all for themselves! The students spent 10 days in Shanghai. 3 nights involved home hosting and the remainder was spent as a group in the school dormitory. All of the students who participated in the trip had an amazing time and formed life long friendships. We extend our sincere thanks to our teaching staff of Colin Payne, Kathy Stacey and Anna Han who gave up their school holidays to chaperone the students. It is our hope that we will be able to offer another cultural exchange trip to the sister school in 2017 for any future students who may like to be involved.

NAPLAN
All Year 7 and 9 students (including 10G SEAL students) will be sitting the NAPLAN testing from May 10-12. Catch up sessions will be conducted Friday 13th May.
Year 9 students will undertake their testing in the School Hall under exam conditions; Year 7 students will undertake their testing in class rooms. All tests will be fully supervised by Warrnambool College staff who have undertaken an information session for administering the tests.
There is a process for students to be either exempt or withdrawn from the NAPLAN testing. If you would like your son/daughter to be either exempt or withdrawn please contact Adam Matheson at the school.

College Musical
The College musical has had a late start this year, but is now well underway with auditions taking place on Friday 15th of April. The auditions ran until well after 5.30pm on the Friday night – testament to how actively involved in the arts our students are.
Originally, the College was set to bring Mikado to the stage. After receiving a very well intentioned letter from a student in relation to the choice the Principal class held a meeting and felt it would be an appropriate response to withdraw from this production. There have been concerns raised in the community as to the level of racism that is perpetuated in the Mikado. As a piece of theatre, we would firstly respond that the show is a classic light opera that is considered a portrayal of life some 130 years ago. The sentiments expressed in art are not always those of the opinions of those presenting it. It is a portrayal on the stage of the beliefs and attitudes of that time period. However, Warrnambool is a largely a very mono-cultural community and we recognise that we do not want to condone or be seen to be perpetuating any form of racism against Asian Culture. We are taking many progressive steps to further connections with Asia across our curriculum and in terms of our sister school relations newly established with China. Based on these principles, it was decided to change the musical selection.
The production team were very public about these changes and held a meeting to explain this to the potential cast on Tuesday 12th of April. The new show selection of Legally Blonde was met with a large degree of excitement from the students present. The basis of the auditions was altered to accept this and we wish the production team all the very best as they move forward from this point.
ANZAC Services 2016

Students are invited to take part in the Anzac day services - Warrnambool College.

More information has been placed on compass at the beginning of Term 2.

Open Night

We will be holding Open Night on Wed 20th of April. The first part of the evening from 5.30 to 7 involves come and try classes. These classes are based on an assortment of year 7 elective classes and offer an insight into what it is like to study and learn at Warrnambool College. At 7pm we will be holding a formal presentation in the school hall. Finally, at 7.30 pm we will be holding formal tours of the school.

Many of the students across the year levels have been asked to attend to assist on open night. This may be as tour guides, classroom helpers etc. We are thankful that we have so many students that are proud of their school and willing to assist in this way. We hope this will be a wonderful night and a great reflection of how fantastic our College is.

2016 Open Classroom Opportunities/School Tours

- Wednesday 20th April (Open Night)
- Wednesday 27th April 9:30 am—10:15
- Wednesday 4th May 9:30 am—10:15 am
- Wednesday 11th May 9:30 am—10:15 am

For further information please contact:
Phone: 5564 4444
Email: warrnambool.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program:
Expressions of interest form and payment to be submitted by Friday 6th May 2016
Testing: Thursday 19th May, 9:15 am @ The Front Office
Program information will be available in the College Library during Open Night
The Powercor Tour De Depot was a huge success on Sunday with a whopping $60k being raised for Standing Tall. A large contingent of students and their parents from Warrnambool College participated and helped make the day a huge success. Not only were some much needed funds raised for Standing Tall but each current student received a free bicycle, a kind gesture from the team at Powercor both locally and in Melbourne.

Thank you for all your support.
Red Cross Calling March: Flagstaff leaders.

As a house of Warrnambool College, Flagstaff prides itself on supporting a charity throughout the year. Our chosen charity is Red Cross, an organisation that helps tens of millions of people around the world each year and cares for local communities here in Australia and further afield. Each day, hungry children, elderly people and the vulnerable are fed, listened to and provided for by Red Cross in our communities.

Rather than donating blood, Flagstaff supports the Red Cross organisation by holding annual fundraising events and collecting money for different campaigns.

This March, student leaders from Flagstaff devoted time and energy to go door to door and collect donations for the Flagstaff Calling campaign. We worked together to collectively raise more than four hundred dollars. It was a great experience going into the community to help do good in the world, and a resounding success for the Flagstaff house.

Together we raised $430 from the donations.
Faye Taylor
During the holidays, Warrnambool Clontarf leaders participated in their ‘Backyard Blitz’ program. The boys provide a free gardening service to people in need, within the Warrnambool Community. The boys were able to fix some paving and mow some lawns. These rewarding experiences allow the boys to develop a sense of ‘giving back’ to the community and also improving their gardening skills.
Year 7 Food Technology students have had their first experience designing their own food. Students were given the task of designing a pancake stack that altered the pancake mix, used a fruit and a dairy ingredient. They had to research the processes so they could be independent in the kitchen. The students have met this challenge with some amazing final pancake stacks.
Open Night! – Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} April

5pm-7pm Senior and Junior CONCERT Band students leading music ‘Come and Try’ classes

6:30pm-7pm SOUL BAND playing in the Hall as parents and grade 5/6s arrive for formal presentation

6:30pm-7pm CHOIR required to sing one piece during formal Open Night presentation.

7:30pm-9pm Any music students who are able to stay and demonstrate their instrument, talk about the music program or hang out in the auditorium to answer questions are most appreciated! (Jam session, yeah!)

**WARRNAMBOOL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD**

Anyone interested in competing in the Warrnambool Music Eisteddfod can pick up a form from the music office! There are events for woodwind, brass, piano, singing, guitar, strings and you can perform a solo or even a duet/small ensemble piece. There is also an original composition section for budding songwriters this year! Check out [http://www.warrnambooleisteddfod.org.au/](http://www.warrnambooleisteddfod.org.au/) for details on events you can enter, and return a music eisteddfod form (in the music office) with the required fee ($10 per section) to the front office if you wish to compete! Entries must be into school by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} of May!

**AMEB EXAMS**

If you have been preparing to complete an AMEB music exam, please return the form and fee to the front office by WEDNESDAY 27\textsuperscript{th} April (only 1 week away!).

ANZAC DAY SCHOOL CEREMONY Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of April

Senior Concert Band are required in the Auditorium at 8:30 am (as soon as you get to school, do not go to tutorial).

Choir are required at 8:45am, so we can rehearse our songs with the Senior Band.

Anzac Day ceremony begins in the hall at 9:15am.
The winners of the 2016 Victorian Battle of the Band competition contain two of our very own rock stars, drummer David Parkes and guitarist Liam Elliot! As well as the honour of being state champions, their band AGAINST OUR PRIDE received over $11000 worth of prizes, including recording opportunities in Melbourne, PR

advertising and band equipment! Celebrate their success by learning more about the David, Liam and AGAINST OUR PRIDE!

**When/how did AGAINST OUR PRIDE form?**

At a VET music camp in February 2015. We wrote a song and decided we were a good combo. Our styles and musical interests meshed together. The other members are of the band are Harry Johnson (Emmanuel), Jack Hassard (Brauer) and Aidan Simpson (Geelong).

**How would you describe your style of music?**

Progressive metal core. When people ask we say metal. But metal people understand that there are many different types of metal. Ours is pretty heavy and technical. Can’t play simple stuff or Dave wouldn’t be in the band! We are not just angry metal heads! There is a lot of skill and hard work involved in what we play.

**What are your main influences as Band?**

Northlane, Novelists, Parkway Drive.

**Other than playing your instruments, what other roles in the band are you responsible for?**

**David** – Liam and I do a lot of the song writing. It often starts with a riff or idea that we’ll record at home and then we’ll bring it to the rest of the band to experiment with.

**Liam** – I also manage the money. Harry is our band manager, he organises our gigs.

**How did you come to compete in the Victorian State Finals of Battle of the Bands?**

We entered and won the Warrnambool BOTB in mid 2015. Following that was the regional BOTB in Teesdale, which was an outdoor gig and really cool. It was also where we met our vocalist as he was there performing with another band. Previously we had had other vocalists fill in.

**What was the most memorable moment from the Melbourne Battle of the Bands experience?**
David: That first feeling you get when we started playing at the competition. Also finding out that we had won because the competition was so good and we didn’t think that we stood a chance! The judges described as the most energetic and ‘tight’ musically.

Liam: The crowd’s response to our music was really cool, as people were coming up close to stage and getting really excited by what we were playing.

What famous drummers/guitarists inspire you? What bands are they from?

David – Drummers – Travis Barker (BLINK 182) because his style and passion inspired me to play, and BLINK 182 was my first favourite band; The three Matts; Matt Garstka (Animals as Leaders), Matt Halpern (Periphery) & Matt Greiner (August Burns Red). And also Nic Pettersen (Northlane).

Liam – Guitarists- Aaron Marshall (Intervals), John Frusciante (Red Hot Chilli Peppers), John Browne (Monuments), and Tosin Abasi (Animals as Leaders).

What is up next for the state champions? Going on tour?

Liam: Can’t go any higher! Time to disband! Haha!

David: Record another EP, as part of our prize is to record in Melbourne. Our next single will be recorded in Melbourne, but the EP will be recorded in Ballarat. We are hoping to tour around Victoria late 2016 or next year 2017 once we have finished year 12.

Where can we follow AGAINST OUR PRIDE?

Currently we have our first EP ‘Sentience’ available on Bandcamp. You can also check out our facebook page ‘AGAINST OUR PRIDE 13’ for updates on our music and gigs. We even have T’Shirts!

Can Warrnambool College look forward to a performance?

Yes, if we are given enough notice to get our vocalist down here from Geelong!
The 2016 Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Adrian Meade Dairy Innovation Program is now inviting applications from Year 10 and 11 students aged 15 or over who are interested in a career in the dairy industry. This is a six-day structured workplace learning program in the June/July school holidays for up to 12 students from across WCB’s milk supply area.

The program’s first day will be held at WCB’s Allansford factory learning about the WCB business, its products and processes. This will be followed by a four-day tour of the dairy industry supply chain and a final day back at the factory looking at pathways into the industry.

The idea of this program is to show students the scope of careers in the dairy industry and to show how each career fits within the dairy supply chain. The program provides an insight into careers in the industry in areas such as agriculture and related service industries, trades associated with manufacturing, supply chain management and logistics, food technology, engineering, and sales and marketing.

Feedback from students, schools and industry partners about the previous years’ programs has been very positive.

Application forms are available from WCB’s website: www.wcbf.com.au or contact coordinator Louise Thomas on 0418 443 433 or email louise@lthomaswriter.com. Applications close 5 pm Friday 29 April. Selection is by interview at the school.
**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 parents to log in to Compass and approve an early departure before they need to leave. Alternative a note is to be sent if your child is signing out of the College early. 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.

**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 and should be submitted as soon as possible.

Please contact Karina Said on 5564 4444 for further information.

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**Bullants School Socks**

Bullants School Socks can now be purchased at the front office for $10 a pair.
The College will be offering an opportunity for students and families to attend a performance of the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical 'The Sound of Music' during the Melbourne season at the Regent Theatre. This production is being described as 'a lavish family treat' and includes all the well known favourites such as: Edelweiss, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, Do-re-mi, Sixteen going on seventeen. Maria will be played by Amy Lehpamer and the Captain by Cameron Daddo.

Performance date: Thursday 19th of May at 7.30pm
Departure time: the coach will depart from the College at 1.30 pm
Payment in full: by the end of Term 1

If you have any questions relating to the trip please feel free to email or phone the College and speak to Assistant Principal Emma Miller.

Tickets are available for students and family members to attend. Ticket price includes A reserve seats to a night performance and coach transfer. There are 50 tickets reserved and these will be allocated to the first 50 students to pay $85 (total cost). Name and bookings can be made through the main College office. Year 10 students who will be on camp on the night of the 19th of May can pay a reduced fee to attend the performance.

At Warrnambool College we achieve success through persistence, resilience and mutual respect

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MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS
Mother’s Day Celebration

An initiative of Hope Edelman (US based author of the book “Motherless Daughters”), join in as women across the globe gather to reminisce, remember and celebrate our journey as Motherless Daughters

You are invited to morning tea to celebrate those who have gone before us...

DATE: Sunday 1st May, 2016, 10am – 12 noon

TICKETS: $30 - profits to be donated to Warrnambool’s “Hospice in the Home”

INCLUSIONS: Tea/coffee of your choice and a delicious morning tea

VENUE: Club Warrnambool - 86 Kepler Street, Warrnambool

TICKETS: https://www.trybooking.com/188465

SPECIAL OFFER: To ensure every Motherless Daughter has the opportunity to attend, there are 5 tickets available to students and 5 tickets available to low income earners free of charge - should you wish to nominate a recipient of these tickets, please e-mail bron@thetaxchic.com by close of business Friday 22nd April, 2016 and the recipients will be notified by Sunday 24th April, 2016 (If more than 5 nominations in each category are received, a random draw will take place).

NOTE: This event is open to Motherless Daughters of any age who have lost their Mum through death. I do not wish to exclude any unmothered woman from this event, and have chosen this audience to encourage an environment congruent with understanding and sharing of experiences, I trust you will understand.

REFUND POLICY: Tickets are non-refundable, you may transfer your ticket by -mail

CONTACT DETAILS: Bron Levett E: bron@thetaxchic.com
Do you have some spare time during the winter school holidays? Why not volunteer at this year’s Fun4Kids Festival – Sunday 26 June to Saturday 2 July 2016?

Sign up now for one or more days and be part of the wonderful Fun4Kids Festival volunteer FUN CREW. Secondary School Students who wish to volunteer must be 14 years of age or over at the start of this year’s Festival.

There is a variety of workshop areas in which to volunteer – art and craft areas, archaeology, animation, painting, scrapbooking & collage, ten pin bowling, cooking, face painting, craft or science and nature! Rosters are flexible and you will receive a t-shirt and lunch on your volunteer day!

If you would like to register you can visit the website http://www.fun4kids.com.au/volunteers and follow the prompts for Secondary School Students or contact Stephanie Hargreaves, Events & Promotions Coordinator on 03 5559 4834 or shargreaves@warrnambool.vic.gov.au for a registration pack to be sent out via mail.

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**Uniform Shop**

Normal Trading Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 11am

Saturday: 9.30am – 12noon

Contact Lorraine or Kerryn on PH: 5561 1947 for any enquiries

Please note: the Uniform Shop has **moved location**.

The new location is at the front of the hall, just up from the main door.
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.