Of course I already knew it, but the past 2 weeks have reminded me that there’s never a dull moment at Warrnambool College. Open night, ANZAC day, school neighbourhood areas and the small matter of $4,600,000 in facilities upgrades have all been significant things to celebrate and grapple with.

Our open night was a tremendous celebration of what is achieved at Warrnambool College on a daily basis. Our staff and student leaders were incredibly generous with their time and efforts and I thank them all. The blend of ‘come and try’ classes and formal school tours created a great vibe on the evening with several hundred prospective parents and students sampling what we have to offer. We will look forward to many of them joining our school community into 2017.

During open night I briefly announced Warrnambool College reaching ‘capacity’ in terms of student numbers and the impact this has on consideration for new enrolments moving forward. All the relevant information regarding this is on our website, but if you are speaking with people in the wider community who are confused about the school’s ‘neighbourhood area’ and enrolment process please ask them to contact us and we will be able to further explain the relevant DET policy and how it is to be implemented. At the end of the day, anyone is still welcome to apply for enrolment at Warrnambool College.

The school’s ANZAC assembly has become one of the most significant events in our school’s annual calendar and this year was no exception. We were privileged once again to hear a veteran’s reflections on the lived experience of war and were reminded of how horrific it is for soldiers and civilians alike. Students demonstrated incredible respect throughout the assembly and we all left with the meaning of ‘lest we forget’ in our minds. On ANZAC day itself, staff and many students marched at the Dennington and Warrnambool services. I was particularly proud to walk behind the banner of Warrnambool College and the Indigenous flag that flew above our Clontarf and Kalay Warrior students.

The very next day I was glad to be sitting down when I was told that the state government had allocated $4.6 million for facilities upgrades at Warrnambool College. Combined with the $4 million that has been allocated to Brauer College, this is incredibly good news for state education in our town. The money and resources are well overdue, but they are welcome indeed and will now allow both schools to bring our learning spaces well and truly into the 21st century.

As the second cycle of reports come out today, please take the time to discuss the results with your child and then book an interview with our teachers on 12th May. I am hopeful that the vast majority of students will be be able to speak proudly of their improving effort and attitude marks over past 6 weeks of learning.

Kind Regards,

Dave Clift
Principal
NAPLAN

All year 7 and 9 students have received a letter and information brochure regarding the upcoming NAPLAN testing. This testing will occur next week on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. If families have any questions regarding the testing or wish to withdraw please contact Assistant Principal Adam Matheson.

UNIFORM

As the weather turns cooler we want to remind students that hoodie jumpers are not part of the College uniform. There are many options available to keep students warm and dry, but none of these include the wearing of skins, leggings or hoodie jumpers. Staff will be reminding students that these choices are not part of the school uniform and issuing students with demerits and potentially detentions. It would be appreciated if parents/guardians could support the school uniform policy by not sending or allowing their children to wear these items to school.

International Students

Shortly we will welcome new international students from China, Germany, France and Denmark. This is a wonderful opportunity for students from our school to experience other cultures and ways of life. An opportunity may also exist for a family to home host a student from China. A female year 10 student from China will potentially be arriving in July. If you are interested in hosting at this point or in the future, please contact Emma Miller. The arrangement for homestay is that the family is provided with $250 per week to cover food and expenses for the student. You do not need to have a current student at the College, but must be able to provide them with a private room, desk and internet usage.

Linking Reporting to Student Pathways

One of the aims of the newly introduced reporting process at Warrnambool College is to assist students with evidence-based pathways into the following year. Consequently the College will be linking all teacher assessed reporting (6 x six weekly reporting cycles), NAPLAN, PAT-R scores, attendance and GAT scores (year 10 students only). This data will be utilised to determine VCE READINESS for current year 9 students wanting to undertake a Unit 1 & 2 subject in year 10. Additionally the same formula will be used for current year 10 students wanting to undertake a Unit 3 & 4 in year 11.

Additionally students wanting to undertake a VET (Vocational Education Course) at South West Tafe as part of their subject load will have to demonstrate VET READINESS. This will involve students completing their USI number applications prior to the subject selection day and parents indicating a willingness to pay the Tafe fees (approximately $650).

Whilst these ‘readiness’ flags will prevent students extending beyond their displayed levels of academic capabilities and attitude and effort engagement with learning, they will in no way affect the availability core classes or school based elective choices. Students flagged as ‘not ready' will not have access to these subjects on their personal subject selection choices when distributed during the end of term 2/beginning of term 3. However, detailed consultations will be available to students who feel they have been unfairly assessed and should be allowed the extended pathway the following year.
Warmambool College have again been well represented on this year’s Youth Council with Gabby Good being elected to the position of Youth Mayor last Monday night. Gabby is joined by Tom O’Sullivan who has been elected as the Deputy Youth Mayor for Youth Council this year. Both are fabulous leaders and an asset to the council.

Congratulations to the fantastic students who represented Warrnambool College at the regional chess tournament on Wednesday. We had 17 students in total make the long journey over to Brauer, with many Year 7s taking part for the first time and led by our senior players Corey Johnstone, Daniel Barker and Keiren McDowell.

Overall results
Middle school: Team 4th place - ½ point outside 3rd place and only two points from 1st
Senior team: 2nd overall – again only ½ point outside 1st.
Fantastic effort here by all, with many Year 7’s participating in the open division and picking up points

Daniel Barker – 1st overall in the senior division
Corey Johnstone – 2nd in the senior division
Balin Duthrie – 9th in middle school
Lochie Worden 13th in Middle school
Charlie Brown 18th in middle school

In total over 100 students participated in the event, the biggest turn out for a local comp in many a year. If you see any of these students please ask them about it.
A group of 30 VCAL students from Bendigo Senior Secondary College are currently studying a unit on Indigenous history and as part of their cultural visit to Warrnambool, they visited Tower Hill, Framlingham, the Koorie Court and Warrnambool College.

The Kalay Academy performed a traditional Welcome and Cleansing Dance in front of the Message Poles at the College entrance. The visitors had the meaning of the dance explained by Casey Harradine. The girls then answered questions from the students. Mr Matheson told the story of the Message Poles and then escorted them on a tour of the school, placing emphasis on the ways Warrnambool College strives to ensure our Indigenous students feel culturally safe. The House names in Indigenous language were very significant for the visitors and they were impressed with the Clontarf and Kalay spaces. Well done to the Kalay Girls for their assistance in hosting this visit.

Incredible news this week with our very own Patricia McKean being selected to design the Richmond Tigers Indigenous round Guernsey for 2016.

The story of the Guernsey aligns with Reconciliation Australia’s theme for 2016 ‘Our history, our story, our future’. The jumper is based on the Club’s yellow clash Guernsey – the first time Richmond’s Dreamtime Guernsey has been predominantly yellow in colour.

Minkgill - star in Kirrae Whurrong language - are the five dots surrounding a main dot used to represent our star players past, present and future.

The curved image between the Minkgills is like the river of life that flows through time from the beginning to the present, and into the future.

All proceeds from the sale of Dreamtime-related items go to the Korin Gamadjji Institute and the Richmond Football Club’s Indigenous programs.

At Warrnambool College we achieve success through persistence, resilience and mutual respect
The year seven students have been studying a unit of work on how we get clean water supplies to our homes. It was hoped that the students could do a tour of the Wannon water treatment plant but this was unable to occur owing to maintenance at the site.

A Wannon water representative kindly visited a number of the year seven classes instead, and shared with the students facts about where our water supplies originate and demonstrated a number of the processes that the water has to go through at the treatment plant prior to it being supplied to our homes. Students were surprised by the number of processes required and they will be able to relate their studies in the “separation” part of this unit to the processes at Wannon water treatment plant.

The science learning area have expressed their gratitude to Wannon water for their kind investment of time to further the learning of our students.

Kerrie Robertson.
The Clontarf boys continued their ‘Buddy’ programs at Warrnambool PS and Merrivale PS this Term. The boys give up their recess and lunchtimes to work with a range of primary students on a variety of tasks. It is a great opportunity for both parties to develop a number of skills.

ANZAC DAY, Monday 25th April 2016
Warrnambool Clontarf Academy boys proudly marched, honouring the soldiers both past and present, in the Anzac Day service in Warrnambool.

The Clontarf boys supported one of their Partners, the Kiwanis Club of Warrnambool. The boys helped members cook a BBQ for the 50th Celebration of West Warrnambool P.S. This is another opportunity for the boys to ‘give back’ to the community.
8 C Students from Warrnambool College took on the role of being mentors and teachers of a special lesson on life in pond water for 19 students from Warrnambool Special Development School. Our class had already studied microscopes and cells in term one. So when an opportunity came to utilize this knowledge they were very keen. The SDS students were also looking at cells, but didn’t have equipment to be able to see small things. Both groups thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained an insight into teaching and learning about what we can’t see without the help of microscopes. As one student commented, “It made my day!”

It is hoped that the success of this endeavor will continue to bring the two groups together for future activities in areas such as chemistry and energy.”

Year 8 students Ali Rowe and Marli Cooke show Warrnambool Special Developmental school student Oliver Ferrier how to use the microscope.
Year 9 Engineering Challenges students have been testing the rocket cars they’ve designed and built. All of the cars built worked well, but some serious development, testing and late design changes led to a very competitive final race. The cars, powered only by water and compressed air, were judged by their design and the distance travelled. The winning team was led by Ollie Bridgewater with Noah Hetherington’s model coming a very close second. Some of the students from other teams were recognised for their excellent effort and positive contribution. These students were Nick Bellman, Bryn Fisher, Jye Wilson, Matison Wytkamp, Damon Dews and Jay Rantall.

On Thursday 19th May the students are off to Warrnambool Airport to have a ‘behind the scenes’ tour of the newly-developed facilities operated by Sharp Airlines. Students will then have the opportunity to visit Ambulance Victoria’s Helicopter base and chat with their resident Aircraft Engineer. It’d be great if students and parents could ensure the permission are returned and payment is made by Monday 16th May.
WARRNAMBOOL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD

Anyone interested in competing in the Warrnambool Music Eisteddfod (20th-24th June) 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 (found 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 13th of May!

Lakes and Craters MUSIC CAMP opportunity!

For those students learning a concert band instrument and looking for an exciting challenge!

The event provides the opportunity for brass, woodwind and percussion players to advance their own musical skills through wind band repertoire. Over a week long residential camp at Brucknell Park musicians will extend their abilities under guest conductor Dr. Kevin Cameron. Culminating in a concert, the camp endeavours to highlight the musical talent which exists in the region. This year’s camp will be held from Sunday June 26th to Sunday July 3rd (first week of winter school holidays). Deposits are due 20th of May to secure your place! See Music Dept for more details. This is a camp that many music students from Warrnambool College have LOVED attending in the past!

THANK YOU!!!

To all music students and teachers who helped out with our Warrnambool College Open Night (20th April) and Anzac Ceremony (22nd April). It was a big week with performances from our Junior and Senior Concert bands, choir, soul band and impromptu ensembles performing, as well as setting up displays, talking to families and setting/packing up. You are all champions!

ANZAC Day

Warrnambool College was also honoured to be musically involved in the Warrnambool ANZAC Day ceremony on April 25th. Kelan Galbraith yr 12 played ‘The Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ and four of our choir students, Naomi Noll yr 10, Sebastian Finnigan yr 9, Amelia Finnigan yr 8 and Faye Taylor yr 10 were selected to sing in the Combined Schools Choir for this special event. Well done and thank you!
In Science 10+ last week we had two calves (Honey and Donald Rump) come and stay at the school as a part of cows creates careers farm module program that is run state-wide including 16 schools in the south west area.

Students in Science 10+ were in charge of looking after the calves, feeding and measuring their growth for the week. It was an amazing experience for the students to hear from the farmer about the breeding process and the genetics involved in being a Dairy Farmer. The class was in charge of mixing the required milk for the calves and feeding them twice a day. It was great to see so many students happy to give up their own time to help care for the calves during the week.

"Cows Create Careers – Farm Module is a program that builds awareness of dairy industry careers – from teaching students about educational and vocational pathways, to profiling the diverse range of professional careers in the dairy industry. By bringing calves into schools, students have fun learning about the different skills required in the dairy industry.

The program has gained strong support from dairy farmers and advocates across Australia. We were lucky enough to have Joy from Warrnambool Cheese and Butter come and talk to the class about the role they play in helping farmers and different jobs you could have within the industry. Locally, the project is funded by WestVic Dairy and receives additional support across the state from local companies Devondale Murray Goulburn, MG Trading, Reid Stockfeeds, Genetics Australia who have continued to support the program in the South West Victoria region.

Upon completion of the program, students and teachers will be recognized at a Presentation Finale where prizes are awarded to the winning schools and students.

The Finale will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 in Cobden.

The science 10 plus class would like to thank the hands on learning team and students for their help with setting up the calf pen and helping out over the week.
Eisteddfod Speech and Drama entries are now in and hopefully everyone is preparing and practicing their pieces. All students will be given a personal timetable next week. Students are encouraged to visit The Public Speaking office any lunchtime except Fridays. The first session is on the 18th May and the final session is on the 27th May. Eisteddfod Debating entries are now due and the latest date entries will be accepted is Thursday 12th May. Debating will be held in July.

Warmambool College families have hosted exchange students for years. There is no monetary reward but the international friendships and relationships developed are priceless. Currently we have Sofia from Sweden in our Year 12 cohort and we will miss her very much when she leaves at the end of May. The Jackson/Greenwood family hosted Sofia and also hosted Mira from Finland two years ago. STS is currently looking for Victorian families to host semester students. There are a number of Italian students looking for host families. Please contact me if you would like more information.
On the 23rd of March an elite team of Aquatic Bullants represented Warrnambool College at Greater Western Regional Swimming in the new Ballarat 50m indoor pool. 49 schools attended the meet and with just 9 members, our team was one of the smallest. Swimmers were eager to impress with only the winner of each final progressing to the State Championships.

Put simply, the Warrnambool College team put on a show. They cemented their college immortality by collecting 37 medals, a string of PB’s and the hearts and minds of all who attended. This secured second place in the overall Champions points tally - an exceptional achievement from just nine swimmers.

Individual results:

Noah Best: 1st 50m Backstroke, and at just 13 years of age he took a massive step up and competed in both the 18-20 yr relay teams for Freestyle and Medley. He finished with 3 gold medals from three swims.

Rachel Vickery: Rachel came first in the 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle and then competed and came fourth in the Open (13-20yrs) Backstroke. She then had a dry sprint back to the starting blocks to compete in the next event, the 50m Backstroke to collect another gold medal in her age group.

Sebastian Good: Seb competed at the Athletic Sports the day before and was keen for a swim to cool off. He didn’t raise a sweat when obliterating his opponents to score 4 golds in the 100m Freestyle, 200m IM and the 18-20yrs 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley Relays. He also came 2nd in the 100m Breast to add silver to his medal tally.

Denbi Lamb: Denbi put in an impressive effort to win the Open Girls 12-20yr 400m Freestyle finishing over a minute quicker than her closest competitor. Denbi then swam in the Girls 17 yr 4x50m Freestyle Relay, and along with her team collected another gold medal.

Treyzan Ahu: Trey had the honour of arriving and having to change and race almost immediately in the 200m Freestyle. He put in an awesome swim and came in 2nd place to claim silver. He backed this up with a bronze in the 50m Backstroke. His effort and attitude was all class.
Rhys Kent: In what was a super effort Rhys bought home 7 medals from 7 swims. He came 1st in 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley and along with his team mates collected gold in the 18-20yr 4x50m Freestyle and Medley Relays. To add to his 5 gold medals he collected two bronze in the 50m Butterfly and the 50 m Freestyle.

Brittany Leach: Brittany had celebrated her birthday with her parents the day before in Ballarat, and continued the celebration with 3 golds in 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle and the 17 yr 50m 4x50m Freestyle Relay. She swam in the 16-20 yr 100m Freestyle and placed 2nd for a silver medal, and placed third in the 50m Backstroke to take home a bronze. Fabulous swimming and Happy birthday to you!

Blake Turner: Impressive swims from Blake saw him claim 5 gold medals in the 100m Butterfly, 50m Butterfly, and 50m Freestyle, and along with his team mates claim gold in the 18-20yr 4x50m Medley and Freestyle Relays. He also placed 2nd in the 100m Open Freestyle to add a silver medal to his tally. The winner of the 100m freestyle was unavailable for States so Blake also progressed in this event and will swim in 6 races at the State Championships.

Gabrielle Good: Gabby swam in three events for the day. The 1st event of the day - Open 200m Freestyle, then Open 200m Individual Medley and the 17yr 4x50m Freestyle Relay. Congratulations Gabby! 1st in all three; three gold medals from three swims!

Jimmy Holden joined us for the day and had a birds eye view of events timekeeping. I’m sure he was unable to lift his jaw off the ground the entire day in awe of the excellence displayed in and out of the pool by the team of Warrnambool College swimmers.

Congratulations to all swimmers. You are truly talented and amazing athletes.
On Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April three boys (Drew Garner – skipper, Fletcher Calderwood – second and Sam Worden – lead) went to battle against an ancient and vicious foe.
For the past 4 years these three boys have travelled to Ararat to face other teams of three in the deadly sport of Lawn Bowls. Deadly because more players of lawn bowls pass away each year than any other sport. My father and Pa both fit into this category.

We arrived to find only one other team willing to put their skills to the test against us.

It was decided to play a round of singles, one on one, as a warm up to the main event. The boys were nervous never having played singles and having no-one to support them. During the 10 ends each of the boys came to inform me that this was the team that had beaten us by one shot every year for the last 4 years and that this team were the state champions last year. The nerves were evident as their first few ends of singles did not contain any good bowls. But in true Warrnambool College style they showed resilience and persistence, did not give up and started winning an end or two.

By the time it came to the main game, the one that counted, they were settled and felt mildly confident. I reminded them that the pressure was not on them but the other team and that they should just relax and enjoy the lovely weather before we went into town for Maccas on the way home. While my mind was screaming WIN, WIN, WIN.

They started well and after the first end were two shots up. The champions stayed strong and scored a single shot on the next two ends to level the score. The boys did not panic and kept their noses in front or level until the fourth last end. At the change over the boys had their usual mid green discussion and Drew informed them of his plan. The opposition had no back bowls and we had lots. All he had to do was move the kitty. He had the last bowl and did not want to give away his plan to the opposition and just tried to get close with his first bowl. The opposition did not see the danger and even though they had the shot kept trying to get more rather than covering our back bowls. Drew put his last bowl down collected the kitty and as the dust settled the boys counted four shots. Giving us a four shot lead with two ends to play. By now they were feeling the nerves and lost the next end by one shot. A three shot lead with two ends to play meant the opposition needed to score well on the second last end. But Fletcher and Sam were not going to let that happen with a great collection of close and covering bowls. Drew changed ends with little pressure and they won the end. Needing four shots to draw and five for a win the opposition looked beaten. Sam decided to play as long an end as possible on the last and the opposition folded they could not buy a close bowl and the boys were victorious and in shock. “I still can’t believe we one” says Fletcher 20 minutes later.

On the way home we attended a nasty road accident. Being second on scene we helped out until the professionals arrived. I have been informed that the driver had blacked out due to two tumors that he did not know about. That he is ok and only ended up with a cut on his head. It was an exciting day and I look forward to the state championships in October.
The Warrnambool College table tennis Academy is shaping up for a terrific 2016 season with new junior players and seasoned players returning. Training is every Friday at the Warrnambool Table Tennis Stadium with coach Trevor McDowell from the Table tennis Club. Junior players are looking forward to competing in the interschool comp & the big news just in Victoria announced their state teams to compete at nationals to be held July 2nd to 10th in Alice Springs & our academy members Kieren McDowell, Joe Sycopoulos and Georgia McDowell have all been selected! We wish them all well in the competition in far away central Australia.

Our very own Kiara Billington was lucky enough to earn the honour of representing South Australia at the recent National Badminton Championships in Perth. After an early morning start and a relaxing first day the tournament was underway with Kiara competing well throughout the day. Competitors from around Australia and New Zealand brought their best to the ten day tournament which saw Kiara taking wins in a number of her matches, both in single and doubles. Kiara made it all the way to the Quarter finals in the singles, making it to the second rounds of the doubles and mix doubles.
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.

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.

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.