I crawled out of bed this morning somewhat reluctantly. I’d set the alarm for 6am which is early for me and about 10 minutes later decided that I’d have to leave the warmth of my doona at some point, so it might as well be at that moment. Our house is well designed – it stays pretty warm overnight usually, but as I walked around getting myself ready for school I noticed that it was a little chilly. Usually that thought would leave my head as quickly as it arrived, but today was different.

Last night about forty year 10 students slept at school. Not in a classroom, not on mattresses, not in pyjamas. They slept in the corridor, on cardboard, in their day clothes and significantly with no electronic devices to distract them from the hardness of the floor. I arrived at 7am to find them huddled together at the end of B wing, having been shifted there from A wing by the police at around 3am. It was cold, it was dark, it was bleak. I took pity on some and offered them some biscuits but alas this act of generosity ran out about half way through the group (!). Many students were energised by the experience while others just looked tired. I suspect some were thinking of the day ahead when they’d continue to wear the clothes they’d just been sleeping in and how to make their $5 meal voucher go as far as it could at the canteen.

We don’t host simulations such as these for the sake of it. It is of course a learning experience that helps us to take on Atticus’s advice from ‘To Kill a Mocking Bird’ and “climb into someone’s skin and walk around in it”. It’s one thing to study homelessness and the circumstances that might lead to this occurring. It’s quite another to experience it, even in controlled conditions and just for one night. When I asked the students this morning what they’d learnt I got responses like “it’s not as easy as it looks, and we only did it for one night” and “I gained an insight into what some people are forced to go through all the time.” Students have been encouraged to bring a can of food (non-perishable) to school to pass onto organisations who support the homeless in Warrnambool. If you have something non-perishable in the cupboard that you could spare as well, I encourage you to bring this to school in the next week and hand into the front office so it can be added to the donated goods.

I want to thank the staff who organised the event and who slept over at school, in the cold, on the floor and with all the interruptions of the night. Many of them had just facilitated the Altitude day for year 8 students yesterday – it was a huge undertaking and one which I appreciate immensely.

And of course there are so many other things going on in our school community at the moment. We’ve had students involved in countless sporting pursuits, speaking competitions, musical events, examinations and of course the end of the school semester. Please take a moment to look over your child’s school report on Compass (cycle three was published last Friday) and discuss with them their progress in all their classes.

I hope you all have a safe and restful school holidays.

Kind Regards,

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

Damage to the school
We have recently noticed the increase in damage to the school in relation to signage, toilets and rubbish. We would like to take a hard line on this and state that if students are not taking pride in their school then perhaps they should seek alternate educational settings. Students need to be held accountable for their actions and in future will be asked to pay for the damage. We are asking students to take responsibility when they see others acting inappropriately. If you see something and do nothing then you are collectively saying this behavior is acceptable. We spend an inordinate amount of money on grounds keepers and staff to collect rubbish. If we could re-direct these funds to other programs we could spend more money on the Arts, on new mac computers, on new surfboards and equipment, etc. We have provided new bins and this does not seem to be having an impact on the rubbish collection. The environment leaders are wanting to work through this and we want to support them in these actions.

The message we want to push with the student body is that you see something, do something. It is easy to ask how many people have seen rubbish dropped in the last week. Yet how many people have done something about this? We will be speaking to all students at assemblies and hoping for positive change.

End of Term dates/ House celebrations
A reminder that the last day of term will take place on Friday 24th of June. This day will include an early finish at 2.30pm. Each of the Houses will also be conducting their regular House Celebration Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase student pride and to get involved in House culture. We wish all students a safe and happy break.

Altitude Day
All year 8 students participated in the Altitude Day on Wednesday 15th of June. This was led by Robert Dart for the boys and Emma Vesey for the girls. This was the second of these days to occur this year and we owe a huge amount of gratitude to the staff for their work on this program. All students participated in a mental health talk, a revisit on the themes raised at camp. They were openly challenged and encouraged to step out of their comfort zone. We hope these days will assist them to build resilience, with challenges faced in life, develop adversity, and make them open to facing new opportunities.

Alert for students who walk to and from school:
We recently received a concerning report about a student at another local school being followed home after school by a man in a black car. This car has been sighted on two occasions near this local school and the male driver has allegedly been attempting to entice students into the vehicle. All students should be aware and cautious of their surroundings when walking alone either to or from the campus. If students experience anything of concern please ring 000, or report anything they notice to a parent or school official as soon as possible.
Some senior Warrnambool Clontarf boys visited Marngoneet Correctional Centre a 560-bed medium security Australian prison to take part in their Schools Program. This powerful program is designed to provide students with a forum to develop knowledge on the criminal justice system, incarceration and the decisions that lead to a person being imprisoned. Sitting face to face with prisoners the boys had the opportunity to listen and talk directly with about the choices that had significantly impacted their own and others’ lives. Getting the chance to talk with people who have committed serious offences, their feelings, decisions and subsequent consequences, is not an opportunity that comes along every day. The boys found this an extremely rewarding but confronting day; in the words of one ‘I never want to end up there.’

Some Clontarf boys were privileged to spend some time with Peek Whurrong Elder, Rob Lowe Snr. and gain further understanding of local Aboriginal Art. A culturally enriching experience.

Our football games continued this Term… Geelong Footballer Jimmy Bartel endorses Clontarf’s White ribbon game!!

The Clontarf boys played in their annual football game against Cobden Tech school with a poignant message. The match was played in support of White Ribbon campaign with both teams supporting the cause by wearing white arm bands. Jimmy Bartel who recently shared his own experience of domestic violence passed this message on to the players.

“Domestic violence is a serious issue in society, and every time people take action against it, as you have all done today, it will assist the battle to eradicate it. Congratulations in making a stand against domestic violence.”

The boys completed a session about domestic violence, including the alarming statistics and the need for it to be eradicated. All came away with more awareness from the discussion.
W’bool Clontarf Wanderers played Kings College in their annual Football match now in its sixth year. The game was played with terrific spirit with individual and collective passages of finesse. Typical of all Clontarf games with the emphasis on including all, the senior boys lead from the front getting their younger brothers into the game. Special thanks to Locky Eccles, legendary local umpire, who volunteered his time to umpire the game and Mike Toon who was goal umpire.

Warrnambool Clontarf boys had a workshop this Term with Hepatitis Victoria raising their awareness of Hepatitis C. The boys went away with a clear understanding of how they can become infected and what warning signs to look for. Thank you to Marina Mazza, Community Participation Coordinator from Hepatitis Victoria for facilitating this informative session.

Year 12 VCAL

On Monday 2nd May, Ms. Brennan’s Year 12 VCAL Senior Development class taught Ms. Vella’s Year 9 PhoenIX class. Topics covered included Bullying, Healthy Lifestyles, Alcohol and Drug Use. We engaged the Year 9s with an iMovie about ‘Letters to Our 14 Year Old Selves’. This was to show the Year 9s that we were once their age and that we understand that being a teenager can be hard. We also added statistics on drug use, alcohol use, lack of exercise and bullying among young people in the Warrnambool Community. We got the stats from the Communities that Care Survey Data. After the video, we conducted activities in our small groups. Myself, Nathan, Ty and Jesse had the healthy lifestyle group. We planned and ran a Personal Training session. We had 5 stations including crunches, push-ups, shuttle runs, squats and planks. After all the Year 9s had rotated through all of the activities, we walked back to class to evaluate how we did. We gave the Year 9s a reflection survey that asked them what their favourite activity was, what they had learned and how they rated the whole session. We achieved our Unit 1 Outcome and we hope the Year 9s got something out of it. Thanks Ms. Vella!!

Written by Hayley Smith.
Interested in playing volleyball? South West Pirates-Warrnambool Volleyball Association is keen for new and old players to come along and take part in a fun and enjoyable sport.

Our games are played on a Tuesday nights with a 6:30 start for beginner’s and social players and for the more serious or advanced players play begins at 8:10pm.

We are also planning to run skills sessions for beginners and social players to improve skills free of charge.

Interested in playing?
Contact:
Craig Gibbs
Tuesday Night Coordinator
0409 411 997

Intermediate Girls Badminton

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Badminton team who won at the Warrnambool Division competition and now move on to the Regional finals in Ballarat on the 21st July. A big thank you to Laura Billington (Year 10) for organising the day!

Good luck to the Senior Boys badminton team for their competition this Friday.

Intermediate Girls Badminton team:
Kiara Billington
Erin Crowe– Owen
Hannah Loughhead
Danielle Warren
Laura Billington (Organiser)
Year 7 Electronics and Year 9 Recycling Project

Year 7 Nerve tester games, many with the image outlines cut out on the new CNC.

A focus on Recycling—some of the Year 9 projects made from recycled products including scrap pallets.
Technology Report

Some fantastic work from this semester’s Engineering Challenges and Product Design classes. Nick, Bryn and Ethan with their record-breaking wind turbine which, with the clever use of gearing, produced enough electricity to easily charge a mobile phone. Taylor, Damon and Jye with their prototype aircraft and Ali, Sophie and Declan with their latest edition remote controlled Eco Lamps.

Tate, Jack, Isaac and Fred with their CAD/CAM engraved bedside units and Isaac with his coffee table.

Great to see such high quality work being produced. Well done!
Wednesday 15th June saw the second of our year 8 altitude days. Once again the boys and girls worked in separate groups so they could focus on areas specific to their needs. All 77 girls who attended the day started with a walk and talk in the sun to reflect on their growth since our last day, then the session focused on emotional language and tackled the idea of an emotional iceberg and the deep emotions we like to avoid. There was no avoiding these emotions as the girls tackled some difficult scenarios.

During the second session the girls had the privilege of hearing the story of Jake Edwards, an ex AFL footballer who shared his story of depression, drugs and attempted suicide. Once again the girls were confronted by emotions that ran deep, yet Jake supported our school’s ideas of mindfulness and taking opportunities to reflect on ourselves. The girls were able to take this on board and could see strong links to their previous activities.

Session 3 went back to where we started with a walk and talk in the sun to reflect on the guest speaker. We then ate chocolate and applied some of our mindfulness techniques to how we ate the chocolate, this was a struggle for some who were keen to just eat chocolate. We looked at self-talk and how the girls can turn the way they speak to and about themselves into positive phrases, and how they can apply this positive talk to many situations. The girls also started to create Meme’s of how they would like people to see them in a positive light. These will be finished in our next session during term 3.

Session 4 was time for some fun, part of the group went walking in the sun while the remainder of the group hopped in the pool and participated in an Aqua Zumba session. There was lots of splashing and I was a little worried we might not leave enough water for the swimming lessons after school. However the girls had a great time and worked hard for 40mins tackling something they had not tried before.

The girls have shown amazing growth in their attitudes and self-confidence since we went on camp in February, and today they were able to identify some of these areas of growth. I hope that they have each taken home at least one idea or thought that they can apply to their life until we meet again in term 3.

The Hands on Learning program provides young people with the opportunity to participate in building projects. More recently, the students have built corrugated iron kennels for Flagstaff Hill’s Maremma dogs, Eudy and Tula. Students have been working over the past month to complete the project.
Once again we have taken on the task of having the Year 7 Food Technology students invite their parents in for a lunch here at the school. It began with invites going home with a short selection of menu items to choose from for lunch. The Year 7 students then made and packaged Yo-yos’ to give as gifts. (Sampling one to check they were OK. News was they were fine) With the orders in, the Year 7 classes all got on with cooking each ordered lunch. Some students were baking quiches, others mixing up a bolognaise sauce while some cried over the onion for the shepherd pies.

Wednesday 8th June saw a group of students setting up the hall. With the food heated it is then carried down to the waiting parents. A huge thankyou to the parents who took the time out of their busy days to sit to eat lunch with us. It is lovely as a teacher to see the pride in the faces of the students as they serve the meal they have made, and present the bagged yo-yo’s to their parents.

For this event to happen it takes a team of people working together. The students all had their roll but the work of Kerrie Allen and Abby James behind the scenes is just brilliant. Kelvin Bell also had the huge task of moving the furniture. Also a thank you to Emily from Year12 for volunteering to help out with service and the final clean up...

Congratulations to the Warrnambool College teams who competed well against Emmanuel College and are going through to the next round of the regional competition in Ballarat.

**The successful teams on the day were:**

**Intermediate Boys**
Joseph Sycopoulis  
Pratheek Josy  
Alec McKenna  
Nick Goodman

**Intermediate Girls**
Georgia McDowell  
Grace Farrer  
Breanna Billing  
Mercy Smith/ Le Lou Berger (substitute)

**Well done to all on a great day & we wish you well in Ballarat.**
On Monday 6th June, 40 Warrnambool College students ventured to Victoria Park Reserve in South Warrnambool to compete at the Greater Western Region Cross Country Final. They all did an amazing effort and competed to their very best. We had some fantastic results with 14 students qualifying through to the State Finals in Bundoora in July.

Special mention to our 4 placegetters on the day:
1st – Stella Bridgewater (14yr), Seb Good (15yr) and Naticia Varley (16yr)
2nd – Ben Warren (17-20yr).

We also had two teams qualify for the state finals with our 16 year girls and 17-20 year boys teams winning their respective age groups.

Congratulations to all who represented Warrnambool College and good luck to those progressing to the State Final.
Hopkins Philanthropic Day, this Friday 17th June

Our charity is the Francis Foundation which is the school’s only local philanthropic partner. The Francis Foundation provides housing and support for people suffering mental health problems with a goal of developing independent living skills and moving out into their own places. The house is located 1200m from Warrnambool College on the other side of Albert Park and currently is housing 9 locals.

To raise money our students will be making and selling doughnuts at recess and cooking a BBQ at lunchtime. Every student that donates at tutorial (for out of uniform) will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a basket of prizes at lunchtime. Donations of $4 or more will receive a bonus ticket for every $2 more they donate. The college’s concert band will be playing at lunch.

Hopkins Lunchtime Activity – kick the footy in the back of the ute...

Thank you to the 154 participants for risking it, and having a go. Congratulations to the following students who were successful and receive a canteen voucher for getting the footy in the ute...

- Ben Fary
- Nathan Collins
- Mitchell Burgess
- Beau Fielder
- Ben Warren

Congratulations and Good Luck!

We wish Connor Bellman all the best as he was successful in gaining a spot on the West Ham United Soccer Representative Side which will tour Europe and China to play their respective national junior squads.

We wish Carly McDonald congratulations on gaining a place and all the best with her rotary exchange to Switzerland next year. Embrace the culture, enjoy making new friends and connections and bring back a wealth of experience and worldliness to your family and friends here in oz.

Look after each other

We pass on our condolences to three of our students who have either lost an immediate family member or partner in the last couple of weeks. This has been a particularly difficult time for those students, their friends and family. Our wellbeing team, counselors, and school nurse have made a quiet time space and are making time to speak to students who want to talk about it.
Childers End of Semester Celebration

Childers will be visiting Inflatable World on the last day of term. We have had great participation so far with lots of families using Compass to approve the trip for their children. Apart from lots of awesome bouncing fun and use of the human fly, Mr. Dart will be battling in a sumo suit against all his favourite year 12s!

WOW Points

Listed below are the students who have received 10 or more WOW points so far in Semester 1. The program aims to encourage positive behaviours and participation across all school activities and in class. Childers students have generally shown really positive behaviour and there are less than 10 students in the whole house who aren’t in the positive for their behaviour.

Ali ROWE, Marli COOKE, Zara FENTON, Emily WARD, Samara HOWIE, Gemma LAKE, Isabel FINNIGAN, Sophie O’BRIEN, Cassidy JAMIESON, Cassidy JAMIESON, Caitlin MUSICO, Meg REUEL, Noah DRAKE, Hollie BURGESS, Lucas SHEARS, Taleisha ELLIS, Grace SZEGI, Bridget CONDON, Sophie LAKE, Makayla LOWTHER, Lucy MCDONALD-HARRY, Abigail LEE, Kayla SHEARS, Jemma ROWE, Lori BOYD, Sophie LENEHAN, Mark TATE, Magen KEATS, Anna BARKER, William JANSSEN, Leah BELL, Grace DENNETT, Lily FARLEY, Jennifer NETHERWAY, Kaitlyn KING, Matthew BRADLEY, Syrenite HEWSON, Alex PRISCO, Harry BOYD, Naomi NOLL, Kara GRAHAM, Holly SAULITIS, Jai LANGENBERG, Charlie LOCKE, Keitaro HEWSON, Noah MORTON, Zachary CHISLETT, Jye MCLAREN, Amber SPEED, Caitlin KAVANAGH, Will TURNER, Clare JENKIN, Heath YATES, Blake TURNER, Taliyah FULTON, Riley GRAHAM, Ethan LEWIS, Thomas O’SULLIVAN, Audrey GIBSON, Daniel LEWIS, Elijah SAULITIS, Jasmine SHEARS, Daniel FLYNN, Caitlin CHENOWETH, Erin KAVANAGH, Samuel STEPHENS, Joe JOHNSTONE, Hayden KANE, Zacc DWYER, Brayden LOCKET, Zara STAVRIANOS, Jack GODDYN, Corey JOHNSTONE, Dylan PATTERSON, Gemma HINKLEY, Kira MILLER, Alyssa CORNISTA, HARRY, Abigail BARKER, Kayla SHEARS, Jemma ROWE, Lori BOYD, Sophie LENEHAN, Mark TATE, Magen KEATS, Anna BARKER, William JANSSEN, Leah BELL, Grace DENNETT, Lily FARLEY, Jennifer NETHERWAY, Kaitlyn KING.
9 students represented our college in this competition being held at the Netball stadium. Team members included: Sydney Berryman, Luke Byrne, Lily Farley, Flynn Gurry, Donald Murphy, Harvey Thulborn-McCorkell, Lachlan Whiten, Matison Wytkamp and MVP Jye Wilson.

Results:

Game one v SDS 17/0: win. Matison 2, Flynn 6, Jye 7 (only 3 pointer for the comp) Luke 2 points.


Into the semi-finals we played Brauer again and won 12/0. Jye 4, Matison 2 and Flynn 6 points.

The Grand final was between us and St Pius. In a thrilling game that went down to the wire, Jye scored to send the game into overtime. The winning points came our way in the dying seconds after overtime. Well done to all participants, there were smiles all round all day, a wonderful completion.
On Wednesday night thirty three brave students (from 10SEAL and 10PLUS) and five intrepid teachers spent the night sleeping in the school corridors. It is all well to say you support people sleeping rough but a whole other experience to actually walk in their shoes. We were fortunate to have access to sleeping bags, pillows and warm clothes for the night.

Rules of the challenge were:
• No makeup. Deodorant and toothbrush permitted.
• No phones.
• No change of clothes. Students sleep in what they wear and wear what they sleep in.
• No spending money.
• No food. Food will be provided.
• No mattress. Pillow and sleeping bag only.
• No music.
• No flashlight.

To further authenticate the experience the local police arrived at 2.30am to perform a ‘please move on’ operation as would happen in reality. The moans and groans and other comments were not dissimilar to what would occur on the streets.

The real challenge will be to see how we all endure the next 12 hours after minimal sleep and limited food – a Salvation Army style toast and cereal breakfast and a $5 canteen voucher for lunch!

Some of the memorable quotes of the night were:

"I'm so bored I've taken up arts and crafts for a whole minute" - Ayden Saulitis as he decorates his cardboard mattress.

"Mr Dart! My shoes are missing" - Maggie Kline. Someone else: "Mr Dart's stealing people's shoes". My response "I sold them for $50 – guess who is having dinner tonight!"

"Sleep is such a waste of time" - April Finnigan as she walks in circles around me while I try to sleep in A wing.

"Mr Dart! I can't believe you did that... I was asleep". In response to the police visit - Tiffany Tracey. My response "the things I do for you Tiffany Tracey!".

"I'm hungry" x 1000 - Sebastian Good and Rhys Kent

Tinned food donations were received from all participants that will be donated to Warrnambool Food Share as part of the Humanities facility's philanthropic drive.

Thank you to everyone for participating and to Rob Dart for organising.
Parent please note - Parents are required to approve absences for your children in one of three ways:

1. Via Compass at wblcoll.vic.jdlf.au or
2. Via text message to 0400 455 708. Please save this number into your phone
3. Hard copy note to the College

Due to legal requirements, we require your approval in writing or electronically. We cannot accept verbal notification.

Families are able to notify and approve absences such as family holidays, illness, etc. in advance or retrospectively.

If you have lost your Compass log in details, please contact the College on 5564 4444, we are able to assist.

It is a legal requirement for parents to log in to Compass and approve an early departure before a student needs 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.

School Kids Bonus: Your next payment

If you are eligible for the School Kids Bonus, the next payment is due to families this month.

This payment is to assist families with school charges.

All families with outstanding balances recently received updated statements—these payments may be paid via BPAY, cash, cheque or Eftpos.

Families are also welcome to contact the College directly on 5564 4444 regarding making payments from credit cards over the phone.

Rotary Club of Warrnambool ‘Father of the Year 2016’

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool are asking students to recognise and promote local fathers/ father figures who are positive role models for their children, the Warrnambool community and to acknowledge the importance of fatherhood and father figures.

Secondary school students are required to answer two short questions about their father/ father figure.

There are some fantastic prizes on offer.

If you would like to enter into the competition or require more information, entry forms are available at the Main Office and should be completed and returned by Monday 1st August 2016.

Bullants Sports Bags

Bullants Sports bag can be purchased for $40 from the main office. All students are able to purchase these.
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.

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**Lost Property**
Lost property is located in a locked cabinet near the side entrance of the main office. Parents and students are encouraged to contact the front office if students have lost items of clothing.

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**Assistance For DAIRY FARMERS**
Dairy Farmers can access help for the challenging economic and seasonal conditions through a new website.

dairyfarmercentral.com.au

The website will allow farmers to access a collated list of industry and government endorsed programs, initiatives and events that can support them and their families and as business owners.

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**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.


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.