Thank you Year 12 students

Two weeks ago, our Year 12 students celebrated their final official day of classes for secondary school. I would like to thank all students involved for the respectful and joyous day of celebration. It was a wonderful day for our school seeing a group of Year 12 students enjoy themselves in a positive way at the end of the school year.

Many of our Year 12 students will now have completed VCE exams. I hope that you have all felt fully prepared for what is the most stressful few weeks in the life of a Year 12. I wish you all the best for the day in December when you receive your final results. We will be proud of the outcomes on your behalf knowing that you have all tried your best.

The Melbourne Cup

The recent Melbourne Cup win by locally trained horse, Prince of Penzance, was a great win for our region. The day before the race I am told that we could have seen Prince out for a morning swim at the Breakwater. Congratulations to all community members involved with this international win.

All of us at Warrnambool College need to take onboard Michelle Payne’s great achievement in this race.

She reminds us that if we put our minds to it, if we work hard enough, if we believe in ourselves, anything is possible. Sometimes it takes a long-shot win to remind us that dreams can come true.

This year’s Melbourne Cup is a reminder that aspiration and perspiration go hand in hand. Michelle Payne worked hard against the odds over a long time to achieve what no woman had achieved before her. When we celebrate our Tall Poppy ex-students, we also see what is possible if Warrnambool College students work hard and reach for their dreams. Education is a great leveller, it will give opportunities to each of our students that can lead to great things. Following on from the example of Michelle Payne with understanding that our school motto – Nil Sine Labore (Not without hard work) - is a statement of fact rather than an aspirational target, our student’s need to know that they can experience great success in their lives.

Great things are possible if our students work hard and believe in themselves. Hard work and self-belief.

To the students of Warrnambool College – we believe in you. Set your goals and we will help you achieve them.

Michael Fitzgerald

PRINCIPAL
Strategic Plan

After receiving external feedback on our previous strategic plan, Warrnambool College staff are currently planning the next 4 years at Warrnambool College centralising around 4 key areas. Our focus areas are ‘Leadership, Feedback, The Art of Teaching and Boys & Girls Education.’ Teams have been formed to drive these key areas and we’ll be working hard on creating, implementing and evaluating these plans in 2016.

Keep hydrated

Drinking plenty of water during school will help student’s concentration and learning. The weather is certainly getting warmer and at this time of year we strongly encourage all students and staff to be sun smart. Students will be encouraged to always have a drink bottle, wear their school supplied hat and to make use of shaded areas around the grounds. New shaded areas are now available outside the canteen. A reminder that sunscreen is also available in each of the 6 House offices.

Whole School Curriculum Day (Student Free)/Headstart/Booklists

On the 13th November all Warrnambool College staff was involved in a curriculum day. The day will allowed our staff to explore different ways of using technology in their classrooms and planning for the Headstart program and development of curriculum for changed study designs into 2016. The 2015 Headstart program starts on 23rd November this year (week 8 of term 4). Booklists should be available from week 7, so students can be organised for Headstart.

Student Leadership

Elected House Leaders will attend a two-day leadership camp at Port Campbell in week 7 of this term. This camp will allow our student leaders to review the current year and plan an exciting 2016. Students will also be asked to give feedback on our ABCD points system. We want students to have ownership over this system, so they can drive this at Warrnambool College.

A new gym?

A new committee has been formed to generate funding for a new double gym to accommodate our growing students numbers. If any parents are interested in supporting this committee can you please contact Adam Matheson.

Remembrance Day

At the main campus we prepared materials for tutors to share with their groups in terms of the significance of Remembrance Day and a minutes silence. At the main ceremony in Warrnambool the College was very well represented. The College Captains Raven Hancock, Ashlee Hay and Taylor Johnstone took time off from exams to pay their respects and lay a wreath on behalf of the College in Warmambool and Mollie Keast laid a wreath in Moyne. Adele Robbins, in her role as an Army Cadet conducted a reading. She was very polished and a consummate public speaker behind the podium. The College Choir, led by Sonia Gellert performed the National Anthem and a variety of songs whilst the wreaths were being laid. Kelan Galbraith played the Last Post and the Reveille – we even had members of the general community ringing the College to congratulate him on such a professional performance.

Thank you to all of the members of the College community that represented us so well on this occasion. It was lovely to be part of this special ceremony.
On Monday 26th October seven junior students participated in the Junior Warrnambool College showcase. The speeches were all so varied and delivered with finesse and passion. Congratulations to the participants Breanna Billing, Meg Reuel, Tiffany Tracey, Sarai Jenkin, Rhianna Maddocks, Chloe Wines and Sophie O’Brien.

Next year there will be a changed format and time of year to maximise participation across all year levels. It is intended to have a year 7 competition before the May Eisteddfod and a junior and senior showcase shortly after the Warrnambool Eisteddfod.

The winning House for the Public Speaking Cup will be announced shortly.
Kalay Warriors

Warrnambool College are very proud of Trish McKean who launched an amazing piece of community Art work during the recent Aus Music Festival. Trish was joined by legendary local singer/songwriter Archie Roach to launch the piece.

The mural is an awe inspiring tribute to Archie, who was named the inaugural Artist of the Year at the festival, and his Mentor, the late Henry (Banjo) Clarke. The piece is the first installation in the Aus Music festival’s “Walk of Fame”.

Anne Jane

Clontarf Academy

Mick Riddle & Luke Mcinerny

Trish, along with Phoebe Watson, Taylem Wason and Mariah Briggs, have also contributed significantly as the National faces of the Yarn Safe Program which was launched at Point Ritchie (Moyjil) recently. The teachers and Clontarf Academy representatives who attended the launch, along with a large group of boys and girls who came along to support their fellow students, felt a great sense of pride and awe for the work the students had put in to make the project come to fruition. As the faces of the program the students will be prominent on posters that will be placed in every Australian school and Wellbeing centre."
Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships.

Last weekend the All Schools Track and Field Championships were held in Melbourne. This competition includes students from every public and private school across Victoria. Naticia Varley representing our College achieved a Bronze medal in the Women’s Under 16, 3000m in a time of 10.53. This has qualified her for entry to the 2016 Athletics Australia National Junior Championships. She also ran 5th in the 1500m final, recording a PB of 4.56.

We congratulate Naticia on her achievement and wish her the best of luck in the Australian All Schools Championships.

2015-16 Cricket Academy

The cricket academy has enjoyed another stellar year with on and off field success. With meetings every Thursday at lunchtime to work on strategies and techniques, there was a lot of fun had as well as Mr McCluggage’s Melbourne Stars got the chocolates over the Melbourne Renegades. There were many activities and events throughout the year; Primary school clinics, T-20 Blast, School Sport Victoria competitions and the list goes on. Congratulations to academy members both past and present; Nick King, Ben Rantall, Charlie Locke, Campbell Love and Tom Jackson, for representing Warrnambool at a much higher level.

2016 promises to be a bigger and better year! Go Bullants!!
Sports Report

Hockey

GREATER WESTERN HOCKEY FINALS October 28th, Dimboola.

Bus leaves Warrnambool College at 6.30am. Two developing teams on board, coaches unsure what to expect. All games are going to be 30 minutes long and the temperature near 30C!

Game One: Horsham Boys 1 d Dimboola Boys 0
Game Two: Camperdown Girls 1, Horsham Girls 1.
Game Three: Warrnambool Boys v Camperdown Boys

A first half goal from Lewis puts WC in front & great defence from GK Hetherington, Captain McLeod, speedster Kilpatrick and the very solid Roberts keeps WC in front until the final whistle BUT a penalty corner is awarded to Camperdown and they score. A draw!

Game Four: Camperdown Boys 1, Horsham Boys 1.
Game Five: Warrnambool Girls v Camperdown Girls.

Early in the game great defence from Shears, Patel, Ward and Routson keeps the scores level. WC runners Howie, N Poulton and Warren are getting on top & first gamer Vickery scores a goal! In the second half superior fitness leads to a Jackway goal. WC win 2-0 - Match highlight - GK Shears beating two players by herself and her little victory salute.

Game Six: WC Boys v Dimboola Boys.

WC takes an early lead through a Barby. In the second half the inexperienced trio of OKing, BKing and Fleming are having a big influence but WC keep missing chances. WC hold on for a 1-0 victory

Game Seven: Camperdown Boys 3 d Dimboola Boys 0.
Game Eight: WC Girls v Horsham Girls

Beginners Da Bazzi, Sharp, Szegi and co are having a red hot go and causing Dimboola lots of problems. A great goal to Jackway puts WC in front. WC continue to dominate without scoring another goal and a 1-0 victory puts them through to the State Finals

Game Nine: WC Boys v Horsham Boys.

Horsham are bigger and fitter looking and start well but great team defence keeps them from scoring. 10 minutes into the game and WC are getting on top. Henderson, Kelly-Merryfield, Tait and Matsuno are playing their best games of the day and taking the pressure off the more experienced players. Finally Kirby drills one from the top of the circle. Early in the second half Lewis scores another goal for WC! A 2-0 victory and also through to State Finals.

A very satisfying day for the Coaches. For twelve of these players these were their first proper matches. We would very much like to thank the following for their development work with our Junior Squads. WC Senior students Ash Giblin, TL Drummond, Riley Patel, Matt Macleod, Kelsey Ratcliffe and Jack White. Ex students Madi Ratcliffe and Tim O’Sullivan. Parent Damian White and friend of the College Justin Allan.
Band Captains Report!

Jamo Fair

On Saturday 24th of October the Senior Concert Band performed at the Jamo Fair. We played a variety of different songs that we have worked on all year. The weather was great and it was good fun. A big thanks to Mr Gellert for transporting everything, and to Sonia for all of the hard work she has put in leading up to and at the performance.

The Twilight Choir Festival

On Thursday the 29th of October the Junior Concert Band and Warrnambool College Choir performed at the Twilight Choir Festival. The band played ‘Rolling in the Deep’ and ‘Thriller’, as well as ‘Gold’, which is the song that all participating schools performed as the finale. The choir opened the night with ‘Best Day of My Life’ and ‘Safe and Sound’. There were about 15 local primary and secondary schools who performed. We would like to say a big thank you to Sonia and Airlie for getting us organised and for setting up and teaching us ‘Gold’ for the play out.
Standing Tall in Warrnambool Inc.
will hold its Annual General Meeting
on Monday 16th November 2015,
6 p.m. at South West TAFE, 3rd floor.

Friends, sponsors, supporters, mentors,
students and families most welcome.

Afterwards we will be having dinner together at
Brown Grain, 190 Timor Street (opp. SW TAFE).

If you plan to attend - or to send an apology,
please phone STiW Secretary (5562 7621)
or email info@standingtalliw.com.au

We are pleased to announce our partnership with Beyond the Box, an Apple for education authorised
reseller. Through the portal, you can now access educational discounts for purchasing iPads &
accessories. Beyond the Box can deliver your device to your door or to the college. To ensure your
device is delivered before Christmas, all orders must be complete by 11:00AM on the 29th of November
2015. Any orders which are to be collected from the college, will be available on Thursday December
the 17th from the front office.

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Further Info
https://goo.gl/kmxsUp
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DEAKIN TWILIGHT FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 5-9 PM

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY WARRNAMBOOL IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AND WE WANT YOU TO COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

Packed with FREE rides and amusements, live entertainment, face painting, farm animals, market stalls and a FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR – Deakins Twilight Festival will be filled with activities for the whole family.

Free parking available on campus (see map opposite).

Entry is FREE.

Deakin University Warrnambool Campus
Princes Highway, Warrnambool VIC 3280

deakin.edu.au/twilight-festival-warrnambool

Garden Ramble Fundraiser

Date: 15 November 2015
From: 10:30 to 4pm

$15 per person
Includes afternoon tea at Garden No 4

Please register at Garden No 1
WESSEYRIE HOUSE
33 Perenjor Street, Cobden
In receive the map.

All proceeds go to Cobden Primary School.

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G’day USA Fundraisers

$15 Photo Fundraiser
10×15” photo with frame
- Don’t miss this great opportunity to update your family photos.
- Choose your time, book, & pay online.
- Cash bookings also welcomed, simply fill in a cash voucher & return it with the cash.
- 100% of the booking fee goes to the school.
- Share the link with friends and family, everyone’s welcomed!

G’day USA 2016!
Warrnambool College
$15 Indoor studio session or outdoor shoot!
This fundraising event is held at the school!
Date: Saturday 28th November 2015
Book online at: www.trybooking.com/JIQS
(Do not put into Google)

G’day USA Movie Fundraiser Night: The GRAND SCREENING OF: Mockingjay Part 2
Date: Tuesday November the 24th
Time: 6.30pm
Location: The Capitol Cinema
Price: $15 per ticket
Tickets can be purchased from Warrnambool College front office or from Karina at Toyworld.
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 new 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.wbcoll.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. 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.