It’s hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. There have been a range of really positive achievements and activities including many students completing SACE units, film projects, Power Cup, traineeships, short courses, NAPLAN and excursions.

I would like to welcome Rowan Pullen, an experienced film maker, who we have employed to work with students on film projects and to document student perceptions of ‘life at Warriappendi’ for our new website. (soon to be on-line)

From the Principal...

Geoff Roach wins West Torrens Council Citizen of the Year.

Coinciding with his retirement at the end of 2013, Geoff Roach was nominated for a West Torrens Council Citizen of the Year award. This was fitting as Geoff dedicated over 15 years of faithful service to the Warriappendi community and consistently volunteered his own time to support our families. We thank Geoff for his amazing commitment, and hope that he has a well earned and fulfilling retirement. The building of the Warriappendi Trades Skills Centre is set to begin late this year. We were hoping to have begun demolition of the old toilets by now, however there are a lot of complex agreements and planning that must take place first. The new facility will offer students and hopefully the broader community the opportunity to gain VET certificates in Hospitality, Business Services, Community Services and more!

Chris
Traineeships and Courses

There have been many outstanding examples of students setting goals and taking the steps to achieving them. Well done to the following students for taking advantage of a range of opportunities:

- Ashley Williams - School-based traineeship in Certificate III Business Administration with Life Without Barriers
- Michaela McLaughlin-Liddle - School-based traineeship in Certificate III in Business Administration with QANTAS
- Shane Weetra - Tyre fitting course at the Youth Education Centre - completed 3 units from the Certificate I in Automotive
- Fred Salerno - Tyre fitting course at the Youth Education Centre - completed 3 units from the Certificate I in Automotive
- Micheal Wilson - work experience in Furniture Finishing at Creative Coatings
- Darby Lee and Dallveena Sumner - completed 6 units from the Certificate III Community Services as part of their Year 12 studies - this is a first step qualification into the Community Care Sector.
- Shannon Richards - who completed a pre-employment program with Woolworths via a Certificate II Retail and is now employed

In Semester 2 Warriappendi begins delivering Cert I Hospitality to a select group of Year 10s and 11s in preparation for when the Trade Skills Centre is built in 2015. This will be taught by Tara and supported by Leila and Aunty Karen, and is a fantastic way to develop skills in the Hospitality Industry, as well as important life skills in healthy eating and nutrition.

Jan, Craig and Sarah are also delivering 140 hours of Certificate III Business Administration to the Year 12 students and they will also be completing their Research Projects.

Year 9s, 10s and 11s please be aware that course counselling is happening in Term 3 and we will be focusing on your goals and strategies, as well as looking at how you can develop your skills in order to prepare for courses and work.

Many thanks to all staff for supporting students with making smart choices, and thanks to Vicki Bryant and Nicola Locke for providing employability skills training and resume development. Well done to all students and we hope next semester brings many more great opportunities!

Sarah

This semester we entered teams in the Nunga Tag and Power Cup carnivals. Students represented the school well and we achieved some excellent results. Other sporting activities undertaken during the semester have included Trampolining, Netball, BMX riding and Aquatics.

Art

Plaster hands and painted branches—using traditional techniques to create modern Art.

Junior girls hard at work making clay tiles. The tiles will eventually make the scales of an outdoor rainbow serpent seat.

Here are some completed tiles ready to be fired in the kiln.
Tour of the Frog Pond

On Friday 27th June, Louisa, Natasha, Sharna and I were given a big responsibility by our teacher Tara. The task was to welcome over 40 kindergarten children into our school and show them our frog pond. The children came to our school to learn more about frogs, tadpoles and the environment. My goal was to give them a better understanding and idea of how frogs live and breed. Sharna and I gave the kids a tour around the frog pond and then sat down with them to draw what we all saw.

When the bus pulled up out the front of the school full of children, I was really excited but was a bit worried about the number of kids. This was a big challenge for me because I had to take care of a huge number of kids aged around 3-4 (which I've never done before) and I had to be motivated, enthusiastic, and had to have a lot of energy to help them.

After showing the kids around the frog pond we all went into the Media room to sit down, relax, and have morning tea. Then once we were finished I handed out colouring in sheets, some activity work sheets about frogs and colouring pencils for the kids to have fun with. My goal was to improve my ability to speak in public and working with the kids helped me because of their age I wasn’t so intimidated and shame, I felt more relaxed and calm.

Later on in the day after all the children had been through the frog pond and finished all the activities we all went and had a play in the courtyard and waited for the bus. I thanked them for coming to our school; it was a real honour to take care of such a large amount of children and have it end successfully. I feel that I've done a great job and I could also picture myself speaking in public again, perhaps an even bigger group.

Talissa

Bus Driver Wins Community Award.

This is Telisha Lindsay reporting for Warriappendi Media News. An important community member has had his efforts recognised through the West Torrens City Council Community Service Awards. 71 year old Geoff Roach has worked at Warriappendi School for over 20 years. He has driven the school bus for over a million kilometres and helped countless students get to school and to other valuable programs. Originally from Waygun, Western Australia, Geoff grew up on the local Aboriginal community and moved to Adelaide when he was very young.

Once a year, the City of West Torrens Council presents a range of awards at a special Australia Day ceremony. The efforts of local community members, who make important contributions are recognised.

The two categories of awards are the Australia Day Council of SA Citizen of the Year Awards and the City of West Torrens Awards. The Australia Day Council of SA Citizen of the Year Awards include:

• Citizen of the Year
• Young Citizen of the Year
• Community Event of the Year.

Geoff’s award was the Community Service Award which recognises the hard work of local people in supporting their community. Geoff’s support of the students at Warriappendi has meant that young people have been able to access education and other learning opportunities to better their lives. On the day of the ceremony Geoff’s achievements were read out by a Council member at it took a very long time.

This was a fantastic opportunity to thank a valued community member.

All the best Geoff.
Three Day Tyre Fitting Course

On 16th, 17th & 19th of June, Anton took Shane, Brodie and I to the YEC at Kilburn for a Tyre Fitting Course so we could get the qualifications and knowledge on how to change tyres and fix punctures etc.

On the first day we arrived we met our teacher Jim who introduced himself, took us to the workshop and showed us around. He showed us the different machines we would be using and went through the safety procedures. After that we got down to business and Jim taught us how to do a tube puncture repair. For this we used liquid buffer to clean the area of the puncture, we then placed glue around the puncture, waited for the glue to dry and applied the patch to the puncture. This procedure turns out to be stronger than the original tube.

On the second day Jim showed us how to fix holes in tyres (i.e nail in the tyre), how to mount and de mount a tyre on and off a rim and how to balance a wheel. We learned how to:

- Repair a puncture using a buffer, glue, liquid rubber and mini kombi patches
- use the machine that mounted and de-mounted the tyre onto and off of the rim
- Use the Wheel balance machine that tells us if the tyre is fitting correctly and how much balancing weight is needed.

By the third day we knew how to do everything we had learned over the past two days so we had to complete the tasks without Jims help while he assessed us on our competency. The second half of the day we went to the class and completed a theory test that was the last thing we had to do then it was home time.

This Tyre Fitting Course was really good because it gave us a qualification that can help us gain employment. We got some work experience and some knowledge that we will use in day to day life. It will also help us pursue a career pathway in automotive.

Fred & Shane

Daria, Natasha, Sharna, Alicia, Louisa and Talissa, helping with the Frog Pond tour.
As part of Aboriginal studies the students had to research an Aboriginal organisation to produce a tourism brochure on. As a class we visited a significant Aboriginal site in term 2. Ngarrindjeri elder Aunty Ellen Showed us around the beautiful Camp Coorong—showing us the ways her ancestors lived, telling us of traditions and her ‘…..relationship and stories…. relating to the land, waters, trees plants and animals.’

Students looked at the topic of identity and used this to design a unique, one-of-a-kind hoody with fabulous results....