

Contacts 2010

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull
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College Nurse: Barb Semler

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Katylil (A Wing)
Learning Community
Jason Bysouth / Bree Franks

Merin (C Wing)
Learning Community
Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

Kappen (Library)
Learning Community
Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

Wannop (Hall)
Learning Community
Ron Llewelyn / Paul Ellis

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Merin MBW Ben Waters
MCE Christine Edgar
MCH Christine Henty
MHP Helen Peppink
MJS Christine Henty
MJT Jean Stephens
MKD Karen Dale
MLS Leigh Schroeter
MNC Naomi Ciezki
MRJ Ron James
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston
MTV Tilby Hayward

Katylil LBM Bettina Morrison
LBP Barbara Pelly
LCJ Carolyn Jones
LCN Chloe Neath
LDA Dianne Andrea
LGD Geoff Dempster
LJM Jill McKenzie
LMA Mark Adams
LMR Matthew Reeves
LSB Sue Bull
LTD Terrie Dempster
LTL Tim Lawrance

Wannop WBL Ben Lee
WDC David Crowley
WDM David Morrison-Blunck
WKP Kristen Purden
WMH Meryl Hayes
WMW Monica White
WRJ Raelene Jeffrey
WSS Sarah Smith
WTC Tarli Capicchiano
WTL Tracey Lee

Kappen KAA Alan Aylward
KAS Amanda Southcombe
KBE Brian Edebohls
KDS Debbie Shipp
KEP Erin Pilkington
KGS Gary Schroeder
KJG James Ginnivan
KJM John McIntosh
KMG Michelle Griffin
KMM Madeleine Munger
KMS Marion Stewart
KPO Paul O'Shea
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Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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Lunch: 11.46 am—12.34 pm

Recess: 1.47 pm—2.07 pm

Finish: 3.20 pm

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Monday—Thursday

8.15 am—4.15 pm

Friday

8.15 am—4.00 pm

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What's Happening Term 2 & 3....

Calendar

June

25th:: Last Day of Term 2 & Reports Posted home

July

12th:: 1st Day of Term 3

13th:: VSSSA Cross Country Finals

18th:: BSSC Open Day at BSSC

22nd:: BSSC Information Evening—7pm—BSSC Gymnasium

28th:: Northern Zone Country Football

August

2nd:: College Council—7pm

9th:: Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

End of term

I would like to thank our dedicated and hard working staff who do a mighty job of supporting the learning and development of all our students in so many ways. In particular I would like to thank the following teachers whom we are farewelling at the end of this semester: Mr Jon McIntosh, Ms Naomi Ciezki, Ms Heather Cannard, Ms Shirley Tanashevich, Ms Anita McLean and Mr Brian Code. Thank you to each of you for the contribution you have made to learning and teaching at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Returning from leave for the remainder of this year, I would like to welcome back Mr Ron James, Ms Jill McKenzie, Ms Christine Toose and Ms Bev Ormerod.

Student Achievement, Semester 1

You will receive your child's Semester 1 report at the end of this week. I hope that you and your child/children will take the time to reflect on learning achievements for this semester and begin to make plans for semester two. Your support for your child's learning progress is a key factor in their success and we encourage you to discuss the report at home and to make arrangements to speak with your child's teacher advisor and/ or individual, subject teachers if you feel there is a need. We are working hard to focus students on their learning progress and to set personal learning goals for continuous improvement and your support in this is vital.

Principal Internship Program

I am pleased to announce that we will have an additional member of the College Leadership Team next semester. I have accepted an invitation from the Regional Director to become Host Principal for a Principal Intern as part of a new pilot program. The internship enables participants to undertake leadership responsibilities in a school for a semester with support and guidance from an experienced principal. Kim Saddler, who has been working as a teaching and learning coach with the Loddon Mallee region will be our Principal Intern. Kim is looking forward to her placement at our College in this role and I am confident that she will enhance our leadership team. The program runs for all of second semester.

Reading

Almost every day I hear a terrific story about how our students are enjoying reading and taking the opportunity to read many of the great supply of books that our library leaders have been purchasing. We know that literacy is one of the keys to success in all walks of life. Parents, do you model an enjoyment of reading with your children? Will you be encouraging your children to spend time reading over the holidays?



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.

I Can Read With My Eyes Shut! (1978) Dr. Seuss

2010 WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO DEBATING TEAM

Throughout the first semester the college debating team had the chance to compete with other schools in and around the region in the Victorian Debating Rounds. This is a competition that is run every year, giving students the chance to debate current events and issues. It also allows students to improve in their own skills of public speaking, argumentative writing and interacting with other students from other year levels.

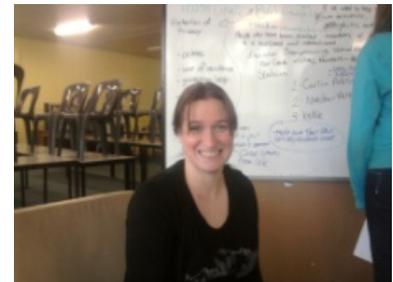
This year saw four new debaters join our other two experienced debaters to make up the team to six members. With every round of the competition the results were a mix bag but confidence in their abilities grew each time.

The rounds consisted of 3 set topics with the issues under debate known to all participants, one advised topic, in which the exact wording of the question was not given until an hour before and one secret topic which was also known an hour before the debate started.

Next year the team hopes to continue and improve on their debating skills and to compete in the competition and also recruit other students from all year levels.

We are very sad to be losing our year 10 debaters and very grateful that they could pass on their knowledge and wisdom in debating by passing on some fantastic hints!

Debating Coach: Miss Naomi Ciezki



Left to Right: Sophie, Regan, Kellie, Sherene, Nakita and Carli (2010 Weeroona College Bendigo Debating Team).

Leanne Preece
Principal

PARENTS' CLUB

Next Meeting

The next Parents' Club meeting, Sue Pollard, Kappen Learning Community Leader, will be guest speaker. All parents welcome for an informative discussion and opportunity for questions. The meeting will be held in Kappen Learning Community on Wednesday 14th July, 2010 at 9.30 am.

Fundraising

- Thank you to all those who supported our slice drive.
- A sausage sizzle will be held on Wednesday 21st July, 2010. Cost \$1.50.
- Up and coming fundraising drives to be found in future school mail out. Please help us support the students.

Jackie Perryman
Parents' Club President

BON APPÉTIT!

Last Thursday morning, Year 7 students from the Katyil Learning Community enjoyed a special French breakfast.

A usual French breakfast consists of fresh crusty bread from the bakery with butter (une tartine) and a hot chocolate, served in a bowl. A breakfast for birthdays or other special occasions like Christmas and Easter consist of warm croissants and a drink. Our students enjoyed the flaky pastry croissants with strawberry jam and a hot chocolate. It was a lovely way to finish a productive semester.



Above: Liam with Croissants

Barbara Pelly
French Teacher

BARBARA'S SPACE

Hi everyone. I have been thinking recently how often people talk about developing self-esteem in children and adolescents and this is very important. However the development of healthy self esteem is as important for parents as it is for children. The self worth of parents is often unrealistically linked to children's behaviour or level of achievement. If young people are poorly behaved or experiencing difficulties at school, parents, parents often think that this somehow reflects on them. Some children are difficult to manage, while others having minds of their own, may not put in the required effort at school despite your best efforts to motivate or help them. It's easy to become discouraged, particularly if you feel isolated or raise children on your own.

Here are some ideas to help.

- Check your expectations of your children. If you are like most parents, you had high aspirations for your children before you began a family. You may discover that reality is quite different – particularly as children become adolescents. Adjust your expectations in line with reality. – Your own and your children's self esteem will benefit.
- Positive feedback is essential. It is helpful to hear how well you are fulfilling your parental role from your partner and for you to give this encouragement too. If there is no one around who can reinforce your positive aspects as a parent then provide yourself with positive feedback. Make a list of all the positive or useful things that you have done as a parent each day. The length of the list may be astounding.
- Seek out positive people and stay away from critics and pessimists. Attitudes are catching – so if you constantly mix with people who criticise children and parents then you will soon adopt the same attitudes to yourself and your kids.
- Children can be a terrific source of encouragement but they first must hear it from you. If you show appreciation for their help, take pleasure from their triumphs, display confidence in them and concentrate on their strengths, they will learn both to encourage themselves and to build up the self-worth of others – including their parents.
- Avoid exaggerating negatively about your children. Be specific about how you describe events or people – "My children are difficult to get off to school in the morning" rather than "my children are rotten". Usually things are never as bad as they first seem.
(These ideas are taken from Parenting Ideas 2 by Michael Grosse)
I hope these ideas are useful.

Barbara Semler
College Nurse

SPORTS NEWS

YR 9 & 10 BOYS FOOTBALL

Wednesday 9th June saw the BDSCSC football carnival take place at the Strathfieldsaye Football Ground complex. The WCB team played a good brand of flowing football throughout the course of the competition. The boys teamed well to score comprehensive victories in their two pool games. They had conclusive victories against Eaglehawk Secondary College and East-Loddon P-12. All boys were excellent and disciplined in their approach to these games.

WCB ultimately played Bendigo South East College in the final. BSE jumped Weeroona at the start kicking 2 goals in the first 3 minutes. Weeroona resettled and matched it with BSE for the rest of the game. Ultimately the slow start would prove costly as Weeroona ultimately losing the final by 12 points.

Weeroona produced an even performance throughout the course of the three games. Stand out performers included Ashley M, Harry W, Jordan F, Brodie A, Rhys I and Codie J. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the competitors who were involved in the competition.

GET YOUR KICKS AT THE G

25 students from Weeroona College Bendigo took part in a program ran by Football Victoria on Friday 11th June. The program consisted of students from Weeroona College Bendigo travelling by train very early in the morning (6.20am) to ensure that they were at the MCG by 9.30am.

The program incorporated students experiencing a variety of activities centred around the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground. These activities included a formal tour of the MCG, time spent in the National Sports Museum and Hall of Fame and time spent in the 'Game On' interactive area located in the MCG.

It was great to see 25 students wishing to be involved in this program since it was officially a day in which students were not expected to be at school. All students involved in this day were well behaved and co-operative throughout the course of the long day. We look forward to experiencing more Football Victoria sponsored days in the future.

**NATIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS – BILLIE RODDA**

From Saturday 5th June until Friday 11th June Year 7 student Billie R represented Weeroona College Bendigo in the National Secondary Schools Diving championships which were held in Brisbane. Billie was part of the VSSSA (Victorian State Secondary Schools Sport Association) squad which competed in Brisbane. Billie competed in a variety of events throughout the competition. These events included the 1 metre and 3 metre springboard, 5 metre platform, 3 metre Syncro diving and the all boards team event. Billie produced fine results throughout the competition. She was deemed 5th in the following events, springboard, platform and syncro. She

was also part of the team which was judged in first place in the team's event which incorporated a variety of events. A fine result. Well done.

Congratulations to Billie on her efforts. She spends countless hours training and many hours on the road getting to competitions and training structures in Melbourne. We wish her well with her future pursuits in this labour extensive and disciplined sport.

CONGRATULATIONS DECLAN S - PIERRE de COUBERTIN AWARD

Well done to Year 10 student Declan S who is this year's college based winner of the Australian Olympic Councils Pierre de Coubertin award. The award is available to all secondary schools and recognises the individual achievements in school based sport. Declan has not only been a fine achiever in a variety of college based individual and team based sports but he has also made a major contribution in coaching, umpiring and assisting in a vast variety of college based sports and pursuits. He displays a mature approach and never goes looking for plaudits and fan fare. Well done Declan.

Declan will be formally recognised at the Weeroona College Bendigo awards evening which will be held in December.

NORTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Fifteen students took part in the Northern Zone Cross Country events at St. Arnaud last Thursday on a very cold day. All students performed well in representing the College with some excellent performances recorded by athletes. Eleven students will represent the College at the State finals to be held at Bundoora on Tuesday 13th July.

Shelly T had a very impressive run and clearly won the Girls 16yrs 3k event, while in another equally impressive performance by Brenton H won the Boys 15yrs 3k event leading the team home to victory. Great runs from Coree M 10th place, Ashley T 15th and Max S 41st. This team will represent the College at State level. Matthew C ran well with a 3rd place in the boys 14yrs 3km event, Rhys I also was a close 3rd in the boys 16yrs 5km event. While Declan S 8th and Marcus K 13th won their way to State finals with good performances.

In the girls 15yrs 3km event, Tori B came in 4th place which was a great run along with Sarah N 8th place both will also go to State finals. Jake R was 31st in the boys 12/13yrs 3km. Josh D was 29th in the boys 14yrs 3km. Jenna W was 31st in the girls 14yrs 3km. Ruby C in the girls 12/13yrs 3km came 17th.

Lil I was 30th in the 15yrs 3km which was a tough effort after rolling her ankle 50m before the finish and would have finished closer if it wasn't for this.

Eleven students representing the College at State final is the best result the College has had at in some time. We

congratulate them and wish them well for the State finals early next term.

Ivan Kitt and Ms Purden



L -R Brenton , Max, Coree, Jess, Ashley.

Upcoming Sports Dates

JULY

Tuesday 13th – VSSSA Cross Country
Wednesday 28th – Northern Zone Country Football

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

PATHWAYS UPDATE

Year 10 Experience La Trobe Day

On Thursday 8th July students from year 10 can check out University life at La Trobe University Bendigo campus. Year 10 students can select what they have a look at over 3 sessions throughout the day.

To register to attend you must go onto www.latrobe.edu.au/experience by 5th July or call 1300 135 045. There is no cost for this event and students will need to go to La Trobe directly on the morning of the experience day.

Please take this opportunity if you are even thinking about University after year 12 as it may keep you focused on your goals over the VCE years.

See Mrs Quarrier for more details on the range of experience sessions running throughout the day. These are also listed on the web site.

Career in Medical Radiations

Are you interested in a career in Radiation Therapy, Radiography or Nuclear Medicine? Come along and learn about this exciting career path and see what we do in a clinical setting.

Medical Radiations Open Night on Thursday 29th July, 2010 at Bendigo Health, Bendigo Radiotherapy Centre, Stewart Street at 5.30 pm.

RSVP by Thursday 22nd July to Marlene Douglas - Email: marlene.douglas@petermac.org or phone: 5454 9234. Places are limited, so secure your place.

Year 10 VCE Information Evening

Wednesday 21st July, 2010 from 6pm – 8pm at the West Lecture Theatres, Melbourne Campus, Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora. Register now at www.latrobe.edu.au/year10 or phone 1300 135 045.

Linda Quarrier
Pathways Coordinator

WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

*****Please note the uniform shop has moved to the portable at the front of the school (far right) *****

All customers please note: The W C B Uniform Shop can only process CASH transactions or CREDIT CARD (not cards connected to a debit card) whilst in our temporary facilities. Apologies for any inconvenience. Lay-by is available. Some second-hand uniform items are available.

Term 3 SHOP HOURS:

Mon - 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Thurs - 8.30 am – 12.00 pm