

Contacts 2010

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull / Alan Paterson
Chaplains Katie Sargent & Phil Walz
College Nurse: Barb Semler

Absences: Sue Jones

Katyl (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

Merin
Advisory Teachers:
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 Chris Toose
MRJ Ron James
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston
MTV Tilby Hayward

Katyl
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 Bev Ormerod
KMG Michelle Griffin
KMM Madeleine Munger
KMS Marion Stewart
KPO Paul O'Shea
KRC Ryan Currie
KSH Stephen Hocking

School wide issues, emergencies etc
Principal:
Leanne Preece

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Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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Start: 9.00 am

Lunch: 11.46 am—12.34 pm

Recess: 1.47 pm—2.07 pm

Finish: 3.20 pm

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

8.15 am—4.15 pm

Friday

8.15 am—4.00 pm

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What's Happening Term 3....

Calendar

July

18th:: BSSC Open Day at BSSC

21st:: BSSC Information Evening—7pm—BSSC Gymnasium

28th:: Northern Zone Country Football

August

2nd:: College Council—7pm

9th:: Pupil Free Day—Staff Ultranet Training

Login to the Future—Ultranet

The Ultranet is here! This exciting new online learning system is building a network across Victoria that will take Victorian government schools into the learning environment of the future.

The Ultranet is a state-wide, secure site that students, parents and teachers can access via the internet. It will provide a new learning space and more opportunities for information sharing across the Victorian government school system.

Teachers and students will be the first to access the Ultranet, followed by parents from late September. By the end of September 2010, the Ultranet will connect 50,000 teachers, 500,000 students and one million parents.

There will be a pupil-free day on Monday 9 August so teachers can participate in professional learning for the Ultranet. This is a state-wide day dedicated to giving all teachers time to plan, explore and learn how to use the Ultranet.

Visit the Ultranet information website at www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3

At our General Assembly, on Monday, we officially launched our school song. We are indeed fortunate that our talented music teacher, Ms Therese Johnson, has been clever enough to write the words and music to our school song which allows us to celebrate our pride in our school. Many thanks to the students who are in the choir and sang for us. We are hoping to make this a regular feature of our whole school assemblies.

Staffing

I would like to say a special welcome to the following teachers who have returned from leave: Mr Ron James, Ms Jill McKenzie, Ms Bev Ormerod and Ms Chris Toose.

To those new on staff: Mr Alan Paterson our Primary Welfare Officer, Ms Linda Gibbs primary literacy, Mr Hugh Austin (covering Mr John Taylor who is on long service leave) and Ms Emily Ryan (Regional Teaching and Learning Coach) and also to Ms Kim Saddler in her new role as Intern Principal.

I would also like to congratulate Ms Tilby Hayward who has moved to Epsom Primary School.

Cybersafety

How do we keep our kids safe in a wired world? In this day and age of computers and mobile phones, there is a great need for resources for parents, educators and children for staying safe online. Knowing the dangers helps prevent children from being harmed, and knowing what to do online to keep safe is a must. If you want to know more about what you can do to support your child a great online resource can be found at: www.cybersafetydoctor.com.au

Partners in Print

An Invitation to Year 6 and 7 parents and students to attend Partners in Print.

As you are aware our college places a high emphasis on improving the literacy of all our students and we would like to enlist your help by inviting you to participate in the Partners in Print program.

Why do we need to be involved in Partners in Print?

Being a reader today means more than being able to just "read." Children need to multitask as they speak, write, investigate, interpret, use, share, present, and read in varied social contexts. The home environment still has the biggest impact on students' learning and plays a significant role in developing language ability.

As partners in our children's education, there are many ways we can support their literacy learning. "Informal" learning at home is just as crucial as the "formal" learning that takes place in the classroom.

This program will assist you to help your children at home.

What do I need to know to be involved?

You will receive an invitation with all of the details, in the mail next week. The session will be on Wednesday 4 August beginning at 7.00pm and ending at 8.30pm.

Members of the literacy team and I look forward to having fun with you as we learn to support our children together.



Angelica Joy Stockwell

21/12/2000 - 02/07/2010

**As a student Angelica shone and we know that no star is ever lost and she will continue to shine forever.
Staff and students of Weeroona College Bendigo**

On Friday 3 July, we were saddened to learn that one of our grade 4 students, Angelica Stockwell had died. Angelica was a happy, bright and conscientious student who loved attending our school with her friends and teachers and we enjoyed having her as a part of our school community.

We have spoken with her parents and offered them the heartfelt sympathy of our whole school community as well as any support or help we are able to give them.

As a school community we have a range of support options available to us and we have been reassured by the concern and effort demonstrated during this difficult time by the College Support Team, teachers, parents and students.

Your children may or may not be affected by this sad news. Those most affected may react in a number of ways which could include wanting to talk, not wanting to talk, crying, asking questions, not saying anything at all, having trouble sleeping or wanting to be close to you. These reactions can be normal reactions for children to sad events in their lives and one of the best things for all those affected is to maintain the security and confidence that comes with 'normal' routines and procedures. For this reason we have run and will continue to run school procedures as normally as possible, whilst monitoring the students carefully. If parents have any concerns over the next few days and weeks about how their child is reacting we would encourage them to contact their child's teacher or one of our College Support Team.

Again, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Angelica's family at this very sad time.

Australian Centre for Grief and Loss (1300 664 786) or www.grief.org.au

Leanne Preece
Principal

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

By now all parents and carers should have been able to discuss their children's reports with them.

If you would like to further explore any issues involving your child's progress last semester please contact the College to make an appointment to speak with your child's advisory teacher. The advisory teacher will then be able to organise a phone call or interview as required.

Brian Edebohls
Assessment and Reporting

MUSIC NEWS

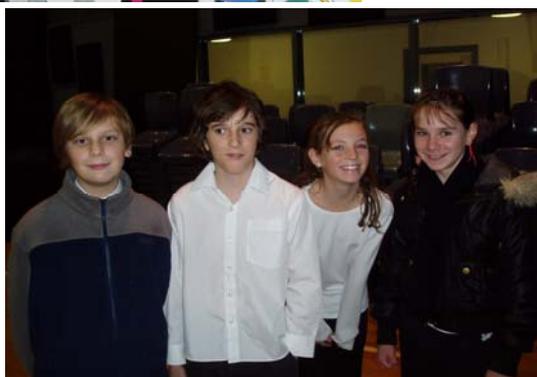
Several of our music students attended Music Week at the end of Term 2. They had a wonderful time meeting students from other Colleges and enjoyed the experience of working with new conductors.

The final concert, held at the Connect Church was well attended by parents, friends, family and staff. It utilized three huge screens for amazing visual displays. The audience certainly enjoyed the overall presentation and students performances of both vocal and instrumental works. Their skills improved considerably over the week and we hope they continue to take advantage of all that the music program has to offer. Thank you to all the instrumental music teachers, especially Jane Geddes, for organising this event.

At a recent assembly, Ms Preece presented ribbons to our Junior and Senior Band members who achieved Silver Standard at the Bendigo Competitions held in May. The College also received plaques that recognised the student's participation and achievement in this event. The plaques will soon be put on display in the A.T. Dingle Performing Arts Centre.

Congratulations also to the students in the Year 9 & 10 music elective. They gave a very informal concert for their parents at the end of last term and demonstrated the work they had completed and the skills they had gained. Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended.

Therese Johnston
School Music Coordinator



PATHWAYS UPDATE

BSSC Course Selection for 2010 Timeline

It is now time for students to prepare a pathway beyond Year 10. It is anticipated that all students will complete an enrolment form for Bendigo Senior Secondary College 2010.

Please record the following dates on your calendar and watch the College Newsletter for further information.

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| Week commencing Monday 15 th June | Year 10 students receive Bendigo Senior Secondary College Program Guide with trial enrolment forms for VCE, VCAL and the 1 year Pre-Apprenticeship trades Program. |
| Wednesday 21 st July | BSSC Information Night – BSSC Gym – 7.00pm. BSSC staff in attendance. It is expected all Year 10 students and parents will attend. |
| 12 th July – 12 th August | Fortnightly Career Education classes. Student/parent appointment for individual counselling, and assistance with enrolment. (Bookings to be advised) |
| Sunday 18 th July (10.00am – 3.00pm) | BSSC Open Day. All Year 10 students should attend. |
| Thursday 12 th August (1.00pm to 6.00pm) | Final Course counselling combined BSSC/Weeroona Staff 1pm – 6pm (Room A5/A6 -Weeroona College Bendigo) POS Booking Online on Weeroona College Bendigo website |
| Wednesday 18 th August | BSSC enrolments submitted to BSSC for processing. |
| Monday 29 th November & Tuesday 30 th November | BSSC student transition days. Students go direct to BSSC both days. |
| Mon 29 th November – 1 st December (Bookings on BSSC website) | Orientation Sessions at BSSC. For Weeroona College Bendigo. Students must attend with parent/guardian. |
| Wed 1 st December (9.00am -3.00pm) Thurs 2 nd December (2.00pm – 7.00pm) Appointments to be booked on BSSC website | Subject change day. BSSC staff available to discuss changes with students and families during this time |

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

BARBARA'S SPACE

This term I would like to do a series of articles about getting through tough times. This information comes from Skylight.

www.skylight.org.nz

Lots of stuff happens in our lives that creates change. Some changes can be positive and we're glad they've happened. They can improve life for us. But some changes can be hard for us. They can mean we end up with a situation we don't want. We end up not having things the way they were before, and that can be hard to deal with. There can be lots of losses for us.

Big changes can turn lives upside down - and they can stress us out. It can take a while to deal with what's happened. The mix of thoughts, feelings and reactions you experience when you're faced with any kind of difficult change or loss is called grief. Your grief reactions are like your fingerprint - unique and personal to you. They are a natural human response. Grief is the way you gradually adjust your life to the reality of what's happened.

There are no right or wrong ways to experience grief. There's no secret method that will take your grief instantly away. There are no rules. There is no set timetable. Grief is normal - even if sometimes it doesn't feel like it because you might not have felt such strong reactions before. So when you are facing tough times for whatever reason, take all the time and space you need to grieve and to get your head around what's happened in your own way for as long as it takes - keeping yourself safe along the way. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Barbara Semler
College Nurse

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Tuesday 13th July saw a core of students from WCB represent the college at the state VSSSA cross country Championships held at Bundorra Park, Melbourne. The day was obviously cold and wintry but all representatives braved the conditions in a fine manner. I would like to thank Miss Purden and Ivan Kitt for their efforts in relation to the 2010 Cross Country Campaign.

Below is a breakdown of times and results for the WCB competitors, Congratulations to all competitors, it is a great effort to make the state finals. Well Done.

| Name | Place | Time |
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| Matthew C | 34 | 11:01 |
| Tori B | 37 | 13:18 |
| Sarah N | 74 | 14:14 |
| Brenton H | 27 | 10:53 |
| Corey McK | 49 | 11:13 |
| Ashley T | 57 | 11:18 |
| Max S | 94 | 14:05 |
| Shelley T | 23 | 12:46 |
| Rhys I | 25 | 18:27 |
| Declan S | 71 | 20:24 |
| Marcus K | 72 | 20:25 |

Upcoming Sports Dates

JULY

Wednesday 28th - Northern Zone Country Football

AUGUST

Wednesday 18th - Basketball (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)
Table Tennis (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)
Hockey (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)
Monday 30th - Basketball (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)
Table Tennis (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)
Hockey (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week was the 5th to the 12th of July and the theme was "Unsung Heroes - Closing The Gap By Leading Their Way". The Koorie Engagement Support Officer (Sam Nolan) and several Indigenous students at Weeroona College completed a photo display that was on show at the Bendigo Library for the week of NAIDOC Week. The display was of local Aboriginal people that are working in their community to reduce the disadvantage gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in a range of areas including health, criminal justice, and education.

WALLA RUGBY WEEK - 26TH - 30TH JULY 2010

Our College has registered for this week and hope to get as many students active for 40 minutes of Walla Rugby during PE classes.

Australian Rugby Union called the Suncorp Bank Walla Rugby Week runs from 26th - 30th July 2010, in the week leading up to the Bledisloe Cup Test match in Melbourne. Schools who register for the week make the commitment that students will participate and Get Active with Walla Rugby for at least 40 mins during that week (*this can happen in School Sports, Lunch times, or PE Lessons*). Each school who registers will receive **two FREE Gilbert Rugby Balls** to get them started. In addition, the School will earn additional rugby gear depending on how many students get involved.

There are some amazing prizes up for grabs; including a visit from the Qantas Wallabies Coach Robbie Deans and two star players to the winning School (it would be great to take them down to Victoria). There is also \$10,000 worth of grants, \$5000 worth of Panasonic gear, and signed Qantas Wallabies gear to give-away.

PARENTS' CLUB

Fundraising

- 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 outs. Please help us support the students.

WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS - DOBSONS

The uniform shop has moved to the far right portable at the front of the school.

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