

Contacts 2010

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull / Alan Paterson
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College Nurse: Barb Semler

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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

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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 Chris Toose
MRJ Ron James
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston
MTV Tilby Hayward

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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

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KAS Amanda Southcombe
KBE Brian Edebohls
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KEP Erin Pilkington
KGS Gary Schroeder
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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 3....

Calendar

August

16th:: BSSC Enrolment forms due back

16th—20th::—Guitar Week

20th:: Year 7 Snow Trip

September

6th:: College Council—7pm

10th:: Debutante Ball

11th:: Debutante Ball

17th:: Last Day of Term 3

October

4th:: First day of Term 4

November

1st:: School Council

December

6th:: School Council

17th:: Last Day of Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Ultranet

On Monday, Helen Tuohey, Kim Saddler and I attended the launch of the Ultranet in Melbourne along with 3,500 of our Principal, Assistant Principal and Regional Leader colleagues. The Premier, Minister Pike, Richard Elmore, Yong Zhao and Sugata Mitra all contributed their views about the potential of the Ultranet at this major educational event. This was informative and interesting. Victoria is leading the way with the Ultranet and it is quite powerful to realise this and see the interest from other systems in our work. The Big Day Out challenged us as educational leaders to think of ways that school communities can use the Ultranet to improve the learning experiences of all our students.

This is a very exciting initiative and will change the way in which we work and learn together within and beyond our school. 'A classroom without walls' for the 21st century. Teachers will be able to do their curriculum planning using web 2 tools that will enhance teaching and learning and they will find a vast array of digital resources to assist them to design learning for individual students within their classes, students will access learning content that is specific to their needs at any point in time, they will learn about safe and responsible online behaviour and they will develop student learning portfolios and individual learning goals. Parents will be able to see what their children are learning, follow the progress of their children and interact with their child's teachers when they want to.

Whilst it certainly was disappointing, for staff back at school, that there were technical difficulties with Ultranet access (although not entirely unexpected when all state teachers were trying to log on!) it was still a valuable opportunity for teachers to gain some more ICT skills and to learn more about how the Ultranet will transform teaching and learning.

Issue of Concern

Recently we held a very successful school social where our students enjoyed 3 hours of dancing to their favourite music with their peers dressed in 80's gear. Those staff who gave up their time to supervise this activity are to be congratulated for their support as are the majority of students who behaved responsibly. The SRC and Ms Karen Dale did a terrific job of the organisation of this event.

Unfortunately, when it came time to collect belongings and head home, a small, black clutch bag containing 3 mobile telephones, a credit card and some cash was reported missing. Having completed an investigation, I have formed the unfortunate conclusion that the most probable cause for the missing bag is that it was stolen. I am urging students, who attended the social, to think back and please come and speak with me if they can think of anything that might assist me with my investigation. I am asking parents, of students who attended the social, to check student belongings for a mobile phone or a clutch bag that is not familiar.

We are working hard at Weeroona College Bendigo to ensure that **all members of our school community** uphold our school values of Respect, Integrity and Personal Excellence.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students Crossing Napier Street

I have had several reports from parents of students not using the Crossing/Traffic lights on Napier Street but crossing the road amongst the traffic.

The school has invested a lot of time and effort in getting the traffic lights there and it is in the safety interests of all students that they be used.

Napier Street is far too busy at any time of the day for students to be crossing the road anywhere but at the lights. Parents are asked to support this but **not** asking/signalling/encouraging their children to cross anywhere but at the traffic lights.

Helen Tuohey
Assistant Principal

PATHWAYS NEWS

ENROLMENTS FOR BSSC ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY MONDAY 16TH AUGUST

Students have been working hard on their selections and destination choices for 2011. Final interviews with Bendigo Senior Secondary took place Thursday afternoon and evening. Thank you to all those parents who braved the cold to come out and support their students through this process.

To ensure your student has the best chance of securing their subject and course selections please ensure all enrolments are returned to the pathways Coordinator at school by **Monday 16th August**.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY BENDIGO CAMPUS

This is the official open day for La Trobe University Bendigo. If you are looking at enrolling at La Trobe in 2012 the University recommends you go along. It is a great chance to have a look around and ask any questions about courses and prerequisites.

Date: Sunday 22nd August, 2010 Time: 10am - 4pm

BRIT OPEN DAY

Date: Friday 20th August, 2010 Time: 10am – 7pm
At the city campus, McCrae Street, Bendigo. T: 1300 554 248
Careers advice, tours, displays on Hair & Retail, Make-Up, Engineering, Automotive and many more, information sessions.
Come along and see what you can do! www.britafe.vic.edu.au

Linda Quarrier
Pathways

YEAR 7 NETBOOKS

LODGING WARRANTY CLAIMS FOR CRACKED CASES

There are an increasing number of Year 7 Netbooks (Lenovo S9) developing cracks around the hinge area without any external force being applied. It is essential that all Lenovo S9 Netbooks be inspected for cracks. Any that have cracks in the casing around the hinge area are to be logged as warranty claims immediately, before the casing/hinge breaks/fails completely. The School Technicians have an instruction sheet of how to log a warranty claim if you are unsure.

COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM

Barbara's Space

Continuing on from the last newsletter where I started writing about getting through tough times. Here is some information about letting it out. This information comes from Skylight. www.skylight.org.nz

Letting it out- getting it out

We're all different. Some of us find openly expressing ourselves easy – others find it very hard. It can help to find ways that suit who you are, because expressing how you think and feel can release a lot of tension inside. When things build up inside things can end up worse for us, not better. We can be like a pot of boiling water with the lid left on. The steam builds up and the water finally boils over and blows its top. In other words we can end up emotionally overflowing or exploding.

Finding a way to begin letting even a small amount out can make a positive difference.

You could try words:

Talk to someone you trust.
E-mail a friend – phone a friend – text a friend.
Go out into the open and shout it all out.
Write in a journal or diary.
Record an audio diary.
Write a poem, story, song.

You could get physical:

Play a sport, throw or kick a ball.
Go to a gym.
Run, walk, swim, dance.
Clean your room out, mow lawns.
Hit a pillow.
Cry if you need to.
Breathe deeply, stretch.

You could play:

Hang out and have fun with your friends and or family.
Watch your favourite DVD.
Tell jokes.
Laugh when you can.
Fly a kite.
Play with kids – they'll help you play.

You could get creative:

Make music.
Sing your heart out.
Make a DVD.
Design a website.
Dance at home, at a party, at a dance class.
Draw, sketch or paint.
Build something.
Plant a tree.
Create a garden.
Make a memory box, book.

There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Barbara Semler
College Nurse

VICROADS – First Steps Program

On July 28th 6 Year 10 students who were nearly or had already turned 16 years of age attended the first session of a new pilot program being conducted by Vicroads. The First Steps program has been designed to support students, who may otherwise lack support, to confidently approach their Learners Licence. The session was conducted at the Vicroads Offices and involved detailed explanation of some of the more complex road rules, undertaking a practice test on the Vicroads Licence Testing computers and viewing several DVD's on road safety and learning to drive. The staff at Vicroads were very helpful and informative of the steps to be undertaken when students book for their Learners Licence (particularly for those who may wish to use an interpreter). By the end of the session the students were all feeling much more confident about approaching this step towards greater independence and adulthood. I particularly wish to thank Sei Sei Mu Thein who did an excellent job of translating all of the session's instructions and discussion, for the Karen students who attended.

Tuning In To Kids

A six session Parenting Program which shows you how to help your child develop Emotional Intelligence – to have better relationships with others, to have better concentration at school and are more able to calm down when upset or angry.

Where: CentraCare, 176-178 McCrae Street, Bendigo
When: Monday 9th August – Monday 13th September
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

For bookings and enquiries please contact facilitators on 5438 1300.

Women, Anger & Strong Emotion

An eight week program which will cover a number of topics regarding the human emotion of anger. You will be able to share and connect with other women, in discovering positive ways of being yourself and expressing angry emotions in ways that are both helpful in your life, and that actually build more respectful, honest and growing relationships.

You will share a laugh, chat with other women, and have fun getting some practice at different ways of doing anger and other emotions.

Program begins on Wednesday 6th October, 2010. Registration deadline is Friday 24th September, 2010.

Where: Women's health Loddon Mallee
When: Weekly on Wednesdays for 7 weeks – Wed 6th October – Wed 24th November, 2010.
Time: 1pm – 3pm
Contact: Anne-Maree McCarthy on 5448 1600 or Bridget Nutting on 5443 0223.

Dads & Kids Day Out

When: Sunday 29th August, 2010
Time: 10am – 4pm
Where: Civic Gardens Bendigo, near the Town Hall.
Food and drink stalls, prizes, local acts & bands, kid's rides & lots of activities.

Sue Bull
College Support Team Coordinator

PARTNERS IN PRINT @ WCB

Wednesday of last week, Weeroona College Bendigo hosted 70 parents and students at the first session of 'Partners in Print'. Partners In Print is a series of family literacy workshops. Literacy learning is a high priority at our college with a number of initiatives being introduced through the college Literacy Team. The Partners in Print program is one of the initiatives that is being introduced to empower parents so that they are able to support their children with strategies that will enhance literacy learning at home and at school.

It was a highly successful evening. Families participated in a rotation of four interactive workshops based around the theme of 'Using the Internet'. It is obvious that children adapt very well to the increased global network of information and the myriad of opportunities to communicate that the internet brings with it. However, this requires a strong and specialised kind of literacy that needs to be taught. Social Media, Cyber Safety, Search Engines and Web-Based bookmarking were highlighted during the sessions.

Being a reader today means more than just decoding. Children need to multitask as they speak, write, investigate, interpret, use, share, present, and read in a wide range of social settings. The home environment has the biggest impact on students' learning and plays a significant role in developing language ability. Home – school partnerships are critical to literacy improvement.

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. Therefore, literacy experiences provided in the home need to evolve and change as the child gets older and progresses through school.

We would like to thank our families who participated during the evening and we would encourage parents to stay tuned for the next Partners in Print Workshop to be held during Literacy and Numeracy Week in early September.



WCB Literacy Leader, Chris Toose, leads a workshop



A student takes the lead on Google.docs

The Barker family engage in one of the workshop activities.



ENERGY VEHICLES TRAINING

This year we have three vehicles entered in the 2010 Maryborough Energy Breakthrough, it is also the 20th anniversary of the running of this event.

Weeroona College Bendigo has been involved in the Energy Breakthrough for the past 12 years and has provided an opportunity for many students from primary level and up to year 10 to experience this unique and innovative event.

Regular training on Friday nights at Tom Flood Sports Centre, school and the excursions to the Casey Fields 6HR and Decca at Shepparton has been undertaken to get everyone fit and prepared for Maryborough in late November.

This year we have a Yr 7/8 Human powered team which is managed by Ms Stephens and Ms Purden.

A Year 9/10 Human powered team managed by Mr Hocking and Mr Kitt and a motorised petrol/electric Hybrid team managed by Mr Adams and Mr Lawrance.

Building of the vehicles is being done by Mr Taylor, Mr Adams and students. Wednesday nights at school are being used to assemble, modify and repair the vehicles.

We are going to have a 6hr race practice on Sunday 22nd of August and Sunday 17th October at a new venue kindly provided by the Kalianna School in Prouses Road, North Bendigo. This is a dedicated 400 metre training track with curves, rises and tight corners which will help with driving practice.

Students are required to keep an ongoing training log that is signed by parents/guardians and the team managers. Students have also been approaching businesses and corporations in the hope of gaining much needed sponsorship.

We now have a dedicated training area that was set up by Ivan Kitt and some helpful students. A special thanks to Fernwood Fitness Centre for their donation of two excellent exercise bikes. These will be used by the Energy Vehicle training squad. Thanks also to Di Andrea from the PE Department for the help as well.

We are always grateful for parent and community support in this program and if interested I can be contacted at the College on 54 432 133.

Tim Lawrance
Energy Vehicles Coordinator



MUSIC NEWS

Guitar Week

Guitar week will be happening on August 17th - 20th and will be held at Koolamurt Scout Camp which is on the Mandurang Rd Spring Gully. Application forms with all the details (available from the music office) need to be returned to the general office as soon as possible.

Therese Johnston
School Music Coordinator

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On the 3rd of August, 34 of our students competed in this event along with eight other schools in the Bendigo Region at the Phoenix Centre, Latrobe University.

"All activities are designed to show students the practical side of careers in science and engineering," Bendigo Challenge co-ordinating committee chairman Peter Ryall said "We need to inspire young people about the sciences, to show them that creativity is an integral part of any career in science and engineering, scientists and engineers investigate and solve problems and while theory is a vital part of this work it is just as important to be innovative and creative in the way they seek solutions". Eight challenges were provided –



Eco-Habitech – Jamie T, Dee R, Gab S and Georgia H

The challenge was to build a state-of-the art Eco-Habitech home that was as ecologically friendly as possible. To do this, rigorous tests on a scale model were undertaken. The value of materials and their 'carbon cost' was also calculated.



Mission to Mars – Tayla N, Chontelle M, Melissa W, Regan N and Kim H

Students made a buggy on a suspension system. They pulled the buggy over an undulating surface and were assessed on how steady their vehicle was.



Hover Frenzy – Amy L, Tori B, Caitlin Maher-G and Morgan C.

The students were given a lift fan and two motorised propulsion units together with styrofoam, balsa, rubber strip and tape to construct a small hovercraft. Scoring was based on several criteria: maneuverability, time through a course and ability to negotiate obstacles.

Gold Fever – Luke M, Oliver F and Rhys I

This was a bridge activity that used a test rig to deliver a dynamic load. The lightest bridge to hold the heaviest load won.

The Dish – Sarah R, Jade L and Alli O'D

They needed a contraption that quickly and accurately home in on different star signals. The team was called in to build a working reflecting telescope or 'dish antenna' to quickly detect, locate and decipher the signals.

ElectraCITY – Adrian H, Jack R, Max S, Brad P and Curtis McD

Students will be given a board with which they can simulate power distribution. Students will be provided with different quality cables and are required to make all loads operate. Students are assessed on the cost of their network, and how many loads are shed due to the failure of a power source.

Crypto Cracking Cronies – Laura W, Lauren W, Prossy W, Whensday S and Shelley T

This activity involved students experimenting with codes used in protecting data that is transferred electronically.

On a Wing and Prayer – Jade B, Tayla M, Jack B

Students used sheet styrene foam, paper and balsa to make a glider that was launched by a catapult.

All teams had a successful day and we are proud to say that Weeroona College was leading in points for the day but we were pipped at the post in the final activity – Gold Fever. We would encourage students taking science electives in 2011 to seriously consider attending this inspiring event.



SPORTS NEWS**BDSCSC SPORTS DAYS**

The Bendigo District Secondary Colleges Sports Committee (BDSCSC) has been working in conjunction with Subway Market Place to provide healthy eating alternatives at BDSCSC Sports Days.

As a consequence we will be trialling this arrangement throughout the course of Term four. Participants involved in hockey and table tennis in junior and intermediate level will be able to purchase Subway Roll (Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef with salad) at these events.

Students will be given the opportunity to order these particular Subway items through their specific school based coach and the order will be dropped to the individual on the day of the event. They will pay when they purchase the item.

Subway have been very generous with this opportunity with a percentage of the money derived ultimately being sourced back to BDSCSC. We see this arrangement as a real positive as it promotes healthy eating and also has a scope to provide a revenue source to the BDSCSC hence ultimately cutting the cost for school sports program.

When Subway is on offer it is important to realise that no students will be able to leave the particular facility to go and buy food, hence the alternatives are to either bring a packed lunch or take up the Subway offer.

Please see your Sports Coordinator for further information relating to this.

Subway is an offer for the following term 3 Sports Days.

Wednesday 18th August – Hockey and Table Tennis

Monday 30th August- Hockey and Table Tennis

Remember see your Sports Coordinator or Sports Specific Coaches in relation to this offer.

Upcoming Sports Dates**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)

Thursday 26th August - Yr 7-9 - Girls Football VSSSA Semi Finals
- Melbourne

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)



Sandhurst Weeroona Junior Cricket Club

2010-2011 Registration Night

Will be held on Wednesday 25th August, 2010
from 4.30pm – 6pm at the QEO Clubrooms.

Registration Fees: Single \$90

Family \$150

T-Shirts \$25

Contact Gerard or Cate – 5442 7190 Peter Crow – 5447 0349
Mark Keck – 0447 560 516

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

PARENTS' CLUB**Bulbs Direct Fundraiser**

Bulbs Direct – Please return orders and money to the General Office by Wednesday 25th August, 2010. Orders are expected to be available on 16th September, 2010.

Crazy Camel Calendars Fundraiser

***Please Note Date to Be Returned Extended**

Crazy Camel Calendars & Cards – Order forms with artwork/photos and money is to be returned to the General Office by Wednesday 15th September, 2010. Orders will be available for collection during October. Samples of the calendars are available at the General Office. Prices – Art Calendar \$11, Photo Calendar \$12 & Greeting Cards \$13.

The Parents' Club thanks you in anticipation for your continued support of our fundraising activities.

Luncheon

There will be a luncheon held at the House of Khong on Wednesday 18th August, 2010 at 12 midday. All welcome.

Father's Day Stall

This will be held on Friday 3rd September, 2010 for all students. Primary students can purchase gifts during Session 2. Secondary students can purchase during lunchtime. The stall will be held next to the covered basketball court.

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