

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 Jennie Ryan

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
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KAS Amanda Southcombe
KBE Brian Edebohs
KDS Debbie Shipp
KEP Erin Pilkington
KGS Gary Schroeder
KJG James Ginnivan
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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

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

August

30th:: Year 7 Snow Trip—Katyl & Wannop Communities

September

1st:: Partners in Print

6th:: College Council—7pm

10th:: Debutante Ball

11th:: Debutante Ball

13th:: Year 8 & 9 Pathways Planning—4pm—7pm

15th:: Parents' Club Meeting—7pm

17th:: Last Day of Term 3—Out of Uniform Day

October

4th:: First day of Term 4

November

1st:: School Council

December

6th:: School Council

7th:: Awards Evening

17th:: Last Day of Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Weeroona College Bendigo Celebrating Success

Earlier this week Weeroona College Bendigo presented at the Innovative Learning Environments Expo in Ballarat, as a result of an invitation from our Regional Department. This is one of four conferences to be held across Victoria in 2010 to promote innovative approaches to teaching and learning in new learning spaces. Our presentation outlined our focus on exemplary practice in relation to the Bendigo Education Plan and the utilisation of our new learning spaces for students at different ages and stages of learning.

The objectives of the Innovative Learning Environment Expos are to:

- Promote the knowledge base established across Victoria by leading practitioners regarding innovative practices, change management, and effective use of facilities and infrastructure at all developmental stages.
- Celebrate and communicate innovative exemplars showing links between improved teacher practice and student outcomes.
- Feature educators who have successfully embedded innovative practice into new learning environment.

All those who participated in our workshop were really impressed with our focus on individual student improvements with an emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy and I am sure that we will have many more visitors to our school, particularly when it is all complete. We do have lots more work to do but our staff are working really hard to ensure that our students achieve the very best possible outcomes.

Year 8 & 9 Pathways Planning

Parents are invited to an interview with your child's Teacher Advisor on Monday 13th September, 2010 sometime between 4pm – 5pm or 6pm – 7pm to assist parents and students with selecting the elective part of their academic program for the 2011 year. A letter and login PIN will be mailed home shortly.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Next week is Literacy and Numeracy Week and to celebrate this we have a number of activities are planned.

Partners-In-Print evening for Grade 6 and Year 7 students and their families on Wednesday 1st September-7pm to 8.30pm in Wannop Learning Community.

"Understanding the Text" is the theme for the evening with four stations:

1. Listening to Myself
2. Visualising
3. Connecting When We Read;
4. Tricky Words.

Letters have been sent home. * Please remember to return the reply slips as soon as possible to your child's teacher advisor.

BOOK SWAP: All students have been invited to bring books in to swap. These could be left in the library. Book Swap day will be Friday 3rd September.

Teachers' Favourite Books- match the "teacher to their favourite book" competition - Library.

POSTER: draw a poster illustrating your favourite book. These will be displayed in the foyer and prizes will be awarded on Friday 3rd September.

Premiers Reading Challenge - celebration of completion and participation on Tuesday 31st August, in the library at lunchtime.

Leanne Preece
Principal

SRC

SRC – Out of Uniform Day

The SRC will be holding an Out of Uniform day on Friday 17th September. The theme will be Footy Colours and cost \$3. All money raised will be donated to the State Schools Relief Fund. State Schools' Relief is a charity supporting Victorian children and young people to reach their full potential by giving practical assistance at a time when they need it.

Since 1930, State School's Relief have been supporting children and families who cannot access quality clothing and footwear due to circumstances like poverty, neglect, family violence and natural disasters by supplying them with the shoes and clothes they need.

State School's Relief has assisted upwards of 8000 students in the past year at a cost in excess of \$500,000.

Old Uniforms

The SRC are calling for any preloved school uniforms. If you have any WCB uniforms at home that no longer fit, we would love to take them off your hands and pass them onto someone else. Please leave all preloved uniforms at the General Office.

2010 WESTPAC MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Westpac Mathematics Competition was run at school on Thursday 5th August 2010. Six students from the Primary section thirty-four junior students and forty-six intermediate students sat the competition. There had been ninety-five registered but some missed the competition due to sporting commitments that also ran on the day.

The results of the competition will be known early term four. The students who attempted were keen and showed a desire to achieve to their best.

We wish to thank the Parents' Club who have sponsored this program each year it has run. The cost was close to \$500. Their generous support has enabled all students who were nominated to participate and complete the competition. This competition is an important component of each students learning in mathematics.

Alan Aylward
Maths Coordinator

LITERACY WEEK

Partners-In-Print Evening "Understanding the Text"

Parents and Students: Grade 6 and Year 7 in the Wannop Community on **Wednesday 1st September, 2010, 6.45pm to 8.30pm**

Grade 6 and Year 7 students and their parents and families are invited to another Partner-In-Print evening at Weeroona College Bendigo's Wannop Community on Wednesday 1st September to learn strategies to help students better understand text.

There will be four stations:

- Listening to myself: reading together to make sense of the text;
- Visualising: forming pictures in your head as you listen;
- Connecting: comparisons to other books, stories, experiences;
- Tricky Words: how to figure out the meaning?

All welcome!

Ms C. Toose & Mrs K. Saddler
Literacy Coordinator

BRIT ART SHOW

The art of imagination on show - Student Art Exhibition - MacGillivray Hall - BRIT - 7th, 8th, 9th September 2010

The creativity, imagination and talent of Bendigo's up-and-coming artists will be on show at a combined art exhibition featuring the work of students from State Secondary Colleges in and around Bendigo

The exciting student art will feature in the ninth annual Bendigo and District State Secondary Colleges' Combined Student Art Show, to be held from September 7th to September 9th.

A diverse range of art media will be on view including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, multimedia, art fashion and sculpture by students from Years 7 to 12.

The Art Show is presented to the Bendigo community by the State Secondary Colleges' Principals Collegiate with the cooperation of students and teachers from participating colleges.

Schools involved include Bendigo Senior Secondary College, East Loddon P-12 College, Eaglehawk Secondary College, Bendigo South East Secondary College, Crusoe College and Weeroona College Bendigo.

The exhibition is open to the public between the hours of 10am and 4pm on Tuesday 7th September, Wednesday 8th September and Thursday 9th September, 2010

The art is on display at MacGillivray Hall, BRIT. Entrance is off McCrae Street.

FRENCH EXCURSION TO THE BENDIGO



CINEMAS

Friday 13th August, 2010 a group of Year 9 & 10 students enjoyed a French comedy called "L'Emmerdeur", directed by Francis Weber. The film had English subtitles but students were able to recognise snippets of French despite the speed of the dialogue. There were some very entertaining scenes which the students appreciated. This film was promoted and subsidised by the Association of French teachers in Victoria.

Other colleges present at the screening were Catholic College, Eaglehawk Secondary College, Crusoe Secondary College, Castlemaine Secondary College and Girton. Students completed follow up activities upon their return to school.

Barbara Pelly
LOTE Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING - CHAMPION - Laura W

Thursday 12th August saw the Northern District Winchester /Victorian ClayTarget Association Championships take place at the Echuca Gun Club. Weeroona College Bendigo had some



great success in these championships with Bradley H finishing in 5th position overall in the 12-15 age boys division. Jack C produced fine results considering that it was the first time that he had experienced down the line clay target shooting.

Great success was achieved by Laura W in the girl's 12-15 division. Laura shot very well on this day and was

ultimately rewarded with being the female winner of the championships.

Laura will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the Winchester/ Victorian Clay Target Association Championships to be held at the Bendigo Gun Club on Monday 6th September. Laura displays a passionate and disciplined approach to her sport and she is looking forward to competing at the upcoming State titles.

Year 7 & 8 Hockey Day

On the 18th of August the 7/8 Boys hockey team played in pouring rain and windy weather, only some had played before and for others it was a totally new experience. When the thirteen boys took the field for the first time they versed Eaglehawk, but after bearing it out in the rain they lost 0-1. The second match they played was against Girton and they finished in a draw 0-0. The rain never stopped but got worse and in this they had to play BSC losing 0-3. Their last game was cancelled due to the enormous amount of rain. They were like "ducks to water" and all did a great job by toughing it out in conditions most had not seen before.

Year 7 - 9 Girls Australian Rules Football - VSSSA Finals- Thursday 26th August

The Weeroona College Year 7-9 Girls Australian Rules Football team reached the VSSSA State finals yesterday, Thursday 26th Thursday August at Royal Park, Carlton.

The girls have displayed fantastic prowess and enthusiasm in all of the games they have played in the campaign. The WCB girls were undisputed winners in the BDSCSC Championships where they did not have a goal scored against them. The team then followed this up with a very strong performance at the Northern Zone Championships where they were again undefeated and did not have a goal registered against them throughout these championships.

The girls have displayed fantastic skills in clear knowledge of the game. No doubt the creation of a Bendigo Girls competition (in which many of the Weeroona team play) has helped in developing their skills and game sense.

There will be a report in the next newsletter.



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.

**Subway is an offer for the following term 3 Sports Days:
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

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

ROWING VICTORIA

Saturday 11th September, 2010 – Indoor Tri-Series Round 3 @ Lake Weeroona. 100 metres, 500 metres, 2000 metres & 4x500 metres Relay. Entries are open to everyone. There is no need to qualify. Bring along your family and friends. See Mrs Andrea if you are interested.

PARENTS' CLUB

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th September, 2010 at 7.00pm. Venue to be advised.

Crazy Camel Calendars Fundraiser

Crazy Camel Calendars & Cards – Order forms with artwork/photos and money is to be returned to the General Office **by Wednesday 15th September, 2010**. 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 for your continued support of our fundraising activities.

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.

Parents Victoria Conference

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th September, 2010 at the Downtowner on Lygon Street, Carlton. For more information visit the Parents Victoria website at www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

KEYS PLEASE – Coming Soon

"Keys Please" is a very important pre- driver education program run by Vic roads for students and their families, who are either close to getting their Learners Licence or already have "L's". The program is designed to highlight the importance of regular driving practice in a variety of conditions and ways in which a program can be planned to sequentially develop the young driver's skills.

It is planned that Vicroads will give a presentation here at the college before the end of Term 3, but a date is yet to be confirmed. An evening session is expected. Parents and students are strongly urged to attend and be proactive in developing safe, confident young drivers in our community.

Sue Bull
College Support Team Coordinator

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 how talking can help. This information comes from Skylight. www.skylight.org.nz

How talking can help - Many people say talking things out with someone you can trust can help you:

Sort out your thoughts and feelings.
Put things into perspective and see things in a new way.
Feel heaps better – it can be a big relief.
Get the spinning thoughts out of your head.

And it can give you:

Some ideas or options you hadn't thought of.
Help to deal with things – you don't have to feel it's just your problem anymore – someone else cares.
Support – you feel less alone.
Someone to talk things over with at other times as well.
Ways to find help or information, if you need it.

Who would you be able to talk to? Maybe?

One or both of your parents.
A close friend.
A grandparent.
A big sister or brother.
A cousin, aunt or uncle.
A teacher.
A School chaplain, nurse, counsellor.
A social worker.
A youth leader.
A minister or faith leader.
An elder.

There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Barbara Semler
College Nurse

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

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

MUSIC

1. Music excursion.

Our College Band went to Echuca on Monday to have a music workshop with students from Echuca Secondary College. They have done this before, so it was familiar territory for staff and students and everyone enjoyed the day. We are pleased to announce that a reciprocal visit is planned for Term 4. Well done to all our band members.

2. "Fretworks".

Last week I visited students at Guitar Week. Approximately 40 students were placed into 4 groups and all seemed to be having a great time. There were amazing renditions of "Smoke on the Water", "Hotel California" and "TNT". The week ended with a recording session at BRIT. Well done to Deryck R-J and Gavan M from our College, together with John Snowden and Chris Morley for making this experience possible for all our guitar students. It is wonderful to see our students getting so much enjoyment from the program.

Therese Johnston
Music coordinator

WCB EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

BLANK

- All new students
- Year 7 Students
- Organised Locker

BRONZE

- Full School Uniform
- Developed an Individual Data Plan
- Organised Learning Journal (e.g. goals, timetable)

SILVER

FULL SEMESTER OF...

- Full School Uniform
- No RISC Entries
- Over 98% Attendance
- Developed an Individual Data Plan
- Organised Learning Journal (e.g. goals, timetable)
- One session per week is negotiated with advisor. (must stay within school grounds)

GOLD

FULL YEAR OF:

- Full School Uniform
- No RISC Entries
- Over 98% Attendance
- Developed an Individual Data Plan
- Organised Learning Journal (e.g. goals, timetable)
- Two sessions per week is negotiated with advisor. (may sign in or out of school)