

## Contacts 2010

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Learning Community  
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MSM Shawn McCormick  
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LDA Dianne Andrea  
LGD Geoff Dempster  
LJM Jill McKenzie  
LMA Mark Adams  
LMR Matthew Reeves  
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LTD Terrie Dempster  
LTL Tim Lawrance

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# Weeroona College Bendigo

## NEWSLETTER

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### School Times:

**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

#### September

10th:: Debutante Ball

11th:: Debutante Ball

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

14th:: Keys Please—Year 10—7.30pm Wannop

15th:: Parents' Club Meeting—7pm—A.T. Dingle Performance Centre

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



### We Shine @ Weeroona College Bendigo

What a busy fortnight we have had since I last wrote my last newsletter report. Many opportunities for our students and staff to shine.

Last week we celebrated Literacy and Numeracy week with a range of terrific activities including: the second of our Partners in Print evening workshops for students and parents and recognition of all of our students involved in the Premiers Reading Challenge. A special thank you to all staff and students involved in the activities and to Landmark School Supplies and Dymocks for their donations of book prizes.

On Tuesday of this week, we have had students and staff involved in the Bendigo State Secondary Schools Showcase at the town hall and in the evening I attended the opening of the Combined Secondary Schools Art Show. It was great to see a large crowd of staff, students and parents. The quality of our art work was most impressive and our students and staff should be proud of their achievements. Congratulations go to Emily N, who won recognition for her wire sculpture of a flying figure. A number of other students received special mention for their achievements.

On Wednesday evening some of our students were involved in the Bendigo Fashion Week Combined Schools Consortium Fashion Parade and once again their work was fantastic.

As I write this I know that many of our Year 10 students and staff are looking forward to our 2010 Debutante Balls on Friday and Saturday night. After many weeks of training these evenings will be a highlight for all involved.



I would also like to congratulate Laura W who has achieved the title of Junior Girl, Clay Target State Champion. What an awesome achievement Laura.



*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Year 10 Rugby Tops 2011

For 2011 the Year 10 students will be able to purchase rugby tops to wear. The tops will be in a combination of the school colours- navy, maroon and white and all current Yr 9 students will be able to vote on their preferred style.

The rugby top will again have the school logo and students will be able to have their nominated 'name' embroidered near the logo. Cost will be slightly higher than for the 2010 hoodie, but hopefully can be subsidized in some way.

Order forms will be organised to go out to all current Year 9 students hopefully Week 1 of Term 4. Orders and money will need to be back to the General Office approximately by the end of Week 4.

### Sun Protection Alert

**Term 4 begins the start of the warmer weather and the issue of protection from the sun. A few points to consider include-**

- SunSmart has issued a message that with higher UV levels from September onwards it is important to use a combination of sun-protection measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage, and skin cancer.
- When outdoors, students should wear appropriate clothing that covers as much skin as possible; a wide-brimmed hat to protect the head, face, neck and ears; apply SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen; and use shade whenever possible.
- If practical, wrap-around sunglasses (marked AS1067) should also be worn.
- Check the *SunSmart UV Alert* in the weather section of the daily newspaper or visit [www.sunsmart.com.au/](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/) and click on 'Today's UV levels' to find out when UV levels will be '3' and above, and the times of day that sun protection is needed.
- Particular care should be taken between 10am – 2pm (11am – 3pm daylight saving time) as this is when UV levels are most intense during the day.
- When UV levels are higher, most people should be able to maintain their vitamin D levels with a few minutes of sun exposure before 10am or after 3pm on most days of the week.
- Students with naturally very dark skin need 3–6 times this exposure level. It may not be necessary for them to apply sunscreen; however, this is a decision for their parents to make.

*Helen Tuohy*  
Assistant Principal

## KEYS PLEASE – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

"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 on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 in the Wannop Learning Community at 7.30pm**. Parents and students are strongly urged to attend and be proactive in developing safe, confident young drivers in our community.

## BPAY

Families are now able to pay for school charges using Bpay. Details are printed on family statements. If you would like to make a payment in the upcoming weeks using Bpay, please contact the General Office for details. Statements will be sent out in week 2 of Term 4.

## MUSIC

Congratulations to all our music students who performed for the Schools Showcase held at the Town Hall on Tuesday.

Onlookers were impressed with the performances by our string students, flautists, drummers, guitarists and singers. They represented our College beautifully. Well done to you all.



**Next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** we are looking forward to a visit by the Matthew Flinders Secondary College students. They will join our Combined Colleges band and have a rehearsal all afternoon. This will conclude with a concert in the A. T. Dingle Performing Arts building at 7.00pm. The bands will then give a performance to several local primary schools on Tuesday morning to promote the Bendigo Instrumental Music Program.

*Therese Johnston*  
Music coordinator

## SRC

### SRC – Out of Uniform Day

The SRC will be holding an Out of Uniform day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PARENTS' CLUB

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 7.00pm in the A.T. Dingle Performance Centre. All parents & guardians welcome.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

From Thursday 2 September until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2010, every \$10 spent\* at Coles Supermarkets will earn customers a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points schools will be able to get some brand new sporting equipment!

Please support this by collecting vouchers and placing them in the box provided in the main foyer near the General Office.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 7 - 9 Girls Football

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August saw the Weeroona College Girls Football team compete in the Football State Finals in Kensington Melbourne. The Girls competed against Sunbury College, Oberlin College (Geelong) and Melbourne Girls Secondary College.

The WCB team played a good brand of flowing football throughout the course of the competition. The Girls teamed well to win two out of their three matches. All Girls were excellent and disciplined in their approach to these games.

Weeroona produced an even performance throughout the course of the three games. Stand out performers included Grace C, Sarah N, Nikita L, and Tori B.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the competitors who were involved in the competition. The only team that we were defeated by in all of the games that the girls played was Sunbury College, and they did indeed play an exceptional brand of football. It was also rewarding to witness a vast range parents supporting the girls throughout each of the competitions that the girls played. Your support was much appreciated by the girls and staff alike.

On the day of the competition we did have a serious injury. Our goal sneak Ashleigh B sustained a serious injury through what was a legitimate tackle. I am pleased to announce that Ashleigh is fine, although she did sustain a very heavy knock. The help and support from all the girls in the team and the help of parents who were at the games was much appreciated.



### SUCCESS FOR LAURA- CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> September saw Laura W representing Weeroona College Bendigo at the School State Clay Target Championship, held at the Bendigo Gun Club, Woodvale.

Laura shot in an exceptional manner at this event. Laura hit 28 of her designated 30 targets throughout the championship. This is a fantastic achievement by Laura and consequently she easily was crowned the champion of the Junior Girls event. Laura's great shooting also saw her deemed champion in the (overall open) girls division.

A fantastic achievement. On behalf of WCB community we would like to congratulate and recognise Laura on her great achievement. Well done Laura.

### UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> – Northern Zone Athletics Carnival  
 Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> - Yr 7/8 Boys and Girls Super 8s Cricket  
 Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> - Yr 9/10 Boys and Girls Super 8s Cricket  
 Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> – Boys Cricket (forwarded date from prior game that was cancelled)

*Shawn McCormick*  
 Sports Coordinator

### MINDSHOP EXCELLENCE

Weeroona College Bendigo's Mindshop Excellence starts! Six of our elite students were provided with a unique opportunity to participate in a six day Work Experience Program that saw them at Monash University School of Rural Health.

The team undertook one day training at Castlemaine Health, then for the next four days they worked on a real-life problem to present a solution to Monash University Board of Directors.

Their presentation was exceptional and warmly received with the final recommendations to be used in an effort to attract regional / rural students into studying medicine.

Congratulations to Oliver F (Team leader), Laura W, Prossy W, Georgia H, Max S and Shelley T.



## BARBARA'S SPACE

This is the final article about getting through tough times. Here is some information about how you might keep safe. This information comes from Skylight. [www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz)

### Keeping Safe

In tough times, it can be easier to get into risky stuff to try and forget your situation, or escape the grief and pain you're feeling. You'll already know these things can end up making your situation worse for you or for others. Here are some examples.

Drinking more.

Using drugs.

Speeding or dangerous driving.

Gambling.

Being more aggressive or violent.

Wagging school.

Running away from home.

Harming yourself deliberately.

Increased sexual activity, including unsafe sex.

If these things are happening or getting out of hand for you, you are putting your safety at risk and maybe putting others at risk too.

It's a sign that you need to stop and think and begin to make better choices to keep yourself safe – and others safe too. You or someone you know might need some extra help and support to do this.

### How do I find some extra help?

Contact the College Support Team. Sue Bull, Katie Sargent, Barbara Semler. See your GP. Arrange to see a counsellor through Bendigo Community Health Services ph 54481600. For depression support visit the Beyond Blue website [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

Phone Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800. Phone Life Line 13 11 14.

I hope these articles have been helpful.

*Barbara Semler*  
College Nurse

## CAREERS

### STUDENT AND FAMILY TOURS OF LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - 27<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010

Now that Open Days are over, I want to let you know about Talk and Tour. This event is ideal for year's 10-12 students and their parents who may have missed Open Days, or who are only just now looking at La Trobe's offerings. Talk and Tour events will be held at La Trobe's Melbourne and Bendigo campuses on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September respectively.

The half day program will consist of an expo, talk, and you guessed it, a tour. During the expo attendees can speak with Faculty representatives about their courses of interest while enjoying some morning tea. This will be followed by a presentation about Uni life for parents. Students get their own presentation by current students who'll tell them exactly what it's like to study at La Trobe. Then there'll be tours of each faculty area and an optional accommodation tour.

Students will need to register their attendance and can do so at [www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour)

### Centrelink Job Expo

The Centrelink Jobs Expo is coming to Bendigo. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to find out about real job opportunities, meet with employers and get access to training and assistance that could lead to work.

Attend the Centrelink Jobs Expo and you'll get information about real job opportunities now and into the future. You can also find out how to access training and other assistance that could lead to work. Centrelink financial information seminars will run throughout the day. Join us and be part of this event and there's a free sausage sizzle too.

FREE ENTRY on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010 - 10.00am – 3.00pm  
At the Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road, Bendigo.

For more information visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

## CROSS COUNTRY

Weeroona students Matthew C, Holy F, Brenton H, Anthony H, Brianna E, Luke M, Mariah M, Ashley T, Corey T and Leone S took part in the Bendigo YMCA Harriers Cross Country season which concluded last Saturday.

A number of students were successful in winning aggregate awards at the end of season presentations; Brianna E won the Under 14 Girls Fastest time trophy. While in the Boy's Under 16 Fastest Time a tie Between Brenton H and Ashley T on 50 points were successful.

Matthew C won the most improved trophy clinching this award on the last point race for the season with Brenton H also showed improvement from last season and was very close in the final rankings. Marcus K has been doing the club write ups for the Bendigo Advertiser. All students enjoyed the involvement and the afternoon teas.

Any student who would like to be involved in athletics and interested in Track and Field which will commence at LUBAC Athletic Track in Flora Hill on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 can contact Miss Purden or Ivan Kitt.

*Kristen Purden & Ivan Kitt*

## 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

## VET COURSES OFFERED BY BENDIGO SCHOOLS TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

Bendigo Secondary Schools working as a consortium offer the following VET Courses at the La Valla Catholic College Campus Trade Training Centre. Any WCB students participating will need to make their own way to Catholic College and return to WCB. Students expressing interest in participating in the following VET Certificates will need to see Mrs Quarrier for more information.

<b>CODE: VETAG</b>	<b>UNIT TITLE: VET CERTIFICATE II IN AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>YEAR 10</b>
<b>DELIVERED AT LA VALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAMPUS</b>		
<b>Unit Outline:</b> This course is for students who have an interest in caring for farm animals, growing plants and improving their understanding of agricultural practices. They will build industry knowledge in the classroom, during structured work placement, which is an integral component of the course, and by involvement in practical based projects.		
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Students need to be prepared to travel offsite to undertake this program. Students may be required to find their own way to the host site. It is most likely that students from a variety of schools will be in each class. Due to the complexity of aligning all timetables across schools in Bendigo, students who undertake this program may be unable to attend some timetabled classes at WCB. Students will need to be prepared to undertake additional work at home to catch up.		
<b>Suggested Pathways:</b> This training course provides a pathway to enter the workforce as an apprentice or trainee agriculture worker. Agriculture students can work on farms or for government and private agencies that service rural communities.  The Certificate II in Agriculture also prepares young people for further training at TAFE or to continue on to university to study, including Science or Veterinary Science.		

<b>CODE: VETHC</b>	<b>UNIT TITLE: VET CERTIFICATE II IN HORTICULTURE</b>	<b>YEAR 10</b>
<b>DELIVERED AT LA VALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAMPUS</b>		
<b>Unit Outline:</b> This course is suited to students who enjoy working outdoors and are interested in plants and landscaping. Group work and structured work placement are important elements of the course. Depending on the projects chosen, students will redevelop a site using a planting and maintenance plan for the area. Students will build industry knowledge in the classroom, during structured work placement, an essential component of the course, and industry visits		
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Students need to be prepared to travel offsite to undertake this program. Students may be required to find their own way to the host site. It is most likely that students from a variety of schools will be in each class. Due to the complexity of aligning all timetables across Secondary schools in Bendigo students who undertake this program may be unable to attend some timetabled classes at WCB. Students will need to be prepared to undertake additional work at home to catch up.		
<b>Suggested Pathways:</b> This training course provides a pathway to enter the workforce as an apprentice or trainee in landscape gardening. It also is a good introduction for further study in areas like agriculture and natural resources management. The Certificate II in Horticulture prepares young people for further training at TAFE or to continue on to university.		

<b>CODE: VETLS</b>	<b>UNIT TITLE: VET CERTIFICATE II IN LABORATORY SKILLS</b>	<b>YEAR 10</b>
<b>DELIVERED AT LA VALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAMPUS</b>		
<b>Unit Outline:</b> This course is suited to students who enjoy Science. Students will learn the techniques used to prepare materials and chemicals used in a laboratory. They will build industry knowledge in the classroom, during structured work placement and industry visits.		
<b>Special Requirements:</b> Students need to be prepared to travel offsite to undertake this program. Students may be required to find their own way to the host site. It is most likely that students from a variety of schools will be in each class. Due to the complexity of aligning all timetables across Secondary schools in Bendigo students who undertake this program may be unable to attend some timetabled classes at WCB. Students will need to be prepared to undertake additional work at home to catch up.		
<b>Suggested Pathways:</b> This training course provides a pathway to enter the workforce as a laboratory assistant. It is also a valuable stepping stone to further study at TAFE in courses such as Applied Science or to further qualifications up to an Advanced Diploma in Laboratory Operations. This qualification provides a springboard into a diverse range of related courses and employment, including Laboratory Technician positions, Applied Science Diplomas, Veterinary Assistant jobs and Science degrees.		

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**ALL NEW STUDENTS  
ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS  
ORGANISED LOCKER**

**FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM  
DEVELOPED AN INDIVIDUAL  
LEARNING PLAN  
ORGANISED LEARNING  
(E.G. GOALS TIMETABLE)**

**FULL SEMESTER  
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM  
FORM  
NO RISK ENTRIES  
OVER 98% ATTENDANCE  
DEVELOPE A INDIVIDUAL  
LEARNING PLAN  
ORGANISED LEARNING  
JOURNAL  
ONE SESSION PER  
WEEK IS NEGOTIATED WITH  
ADVISOR(MUST STAY  
IN SCHOOL GROUNDS)**

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FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM  
NO RISK ENTRIES  
OVER 98% ATTENDANCE  
DEVELOPE A INDIVIDUAL  
LEARNING PLAN  
ORGANISED LEARNING  
JOURNAL  
TWO SESSIONS PER  
WEEK NEGOTIATED  
WITH ADVISOR( MAY  
SIGN IN OR OUT OF  
SCHOOL.**