

Contacts 2010

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

Absences: Sue Jones

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 Chris Toose
MRJ Ron James
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston
MTV Jennie Ryan

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 Jon McIntosh
KMG Michelle Griffin
KMM Madeleine Mungler
KMS Marion Stewart
KPO Paul O'Shea
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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 4....

Calendar

November

1st:: School Council

18th—21st:: RACV Energy Breakthrough

23rd:: Instrumental Music Concert—A.T. Dingle Performing Arts Centre 7.30pm

25th:: Year 10 Exams

26th:: Year 10 Exams

December

2nd:: Year 10 Valedictory Dinner

6th:: School Council

7th:: 2011 Year 7 Transition Day

7th:: Awards Evening

17th:: Last Day of Term 4

February

4th:: Start Up Day—1pm-8pm

7th:: Normal Classes resume

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Greetings everyone at Weeroona College Bendigo. My article comes to you from Toronto in Canada this week where we have had reasonably mild weather, despite some rain and the first snow for the season falling close by. We are really hoping to see some snow by the time we get to Calgary near the end of our trip. We found it really strange spending all last Sunday a week ago, flying to Canada, only to arrive in Vancouver on the same day that we left. Fortunately we gain a day when we cross the international date line on our way home.

We are lucky to be travelling with a terrific group of 29 educators from across Victoria and are learning so much from the schools we have come to visit and the 3 day conference run by the Canadian Coalition of Self Directed Learning Schools that we have just attended. Our Loddon Mallee Regional Teaching and Learning Consultant, Brian Brennan, delivered a key note speech at the conference which was terrific and gave us all, Canadians and Australians, much to think about. Brian has been bringing groups of Australian educators to Canada, to look at the self directed/self paced learning occurring in a group of schools for many years now and believes that this model has a lot to offer.

Today, being Sunday, we have had an amazing day visiting Niagara Falls. All five WCB staff opted for the helicopter ride over the falls. Wow, my first ride in a helicopter and what a view. Did you know that Niagara Falls consists of three falls and that they are best viewed from the Canadian side rather than across the river in America? Because she couldn't get enough, Ms Pollard also went for the close up view from the boat that went right under the powerful spray of water.

Tomorrow we are spending the day at Mary Ward Secondary School in Toronto (Ms Edgar's home town) and we are looking forward to another ride in a yellow school bus (just like you see on The Simpsons). Mr Bysouth is really excited about Halloween and is planning his costume and Ms Saddler loves the squirrels that are to be found in the beautiful parks and gardens as we experience the last of the 'fall' season. We haven't seen any moose but we have smelt a skunk.



I hope you all enjoyed the cup day holiday and I look forward to reporting more to you about our learning and ideas when we return.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Why has the Victorian Government increased the compulsory school age from 16 to 17?

Research demonstrates that young people without qualifications or experience will generally have lower career prospects in the long term, and earn less over the course of their careers. The Victorian Government is committed to enabling every young person going through the education system to find a pathway which suits their interests, aims and abilities, and allows them to gain skills to help them in their future. The compulsory school age has been increased to meet the participation requirement agreed by Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 2 July 2009.

The agreed participation requirement includes:

- A mandatory requirement for all young people to participate in schooling (meaning in school or an approved equivalent) until they complete Year 10; and
- A mandatory requirement for all young people that have completed Year 10, to participate full-time (defined as at least 25 hours per week) in education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities, until age 17.

In Victoria meeting this requirement has been achieved by increasing the compulsory school age from 16 to 17 years and including an exemption that if Year 10 has been completed, a student can leave school to participate in employment and/or education and training at another organisation

What is the new participation requirement?

From 1 January 2010, all Victorian students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until the age of 17 students must be:

- in school, or registered for home schooling, OR
- in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), OR
- in full-time paid employment, OR
- in a combination of 1, 2 and/or 3 for a minimum of 25 hours per week.

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 Year 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 they can be subsidized in some way. Order forms will be organised to go out to all current Year 9 students as soon as possible.

Helen Tuohy
Assistant Principal

FROM THE PHYS ED DEPARTMENT

Sun Smart - Policy

Students are reminded to be Sunsmart while outdoors by wearing a Hat, Sunscreen and Sunglasses while outdoors. This is of high importance with Physical Education.

SCHOOL SHOES

Students at Weeroona College **must** wear black leather lace up shoes. It is school policy and an Occupational Health and Safety issue.

We have had OH&S officers visit the school and it is compulsory for classes in Art, Science, Photography, Technology subjects- Home Economics, Textiles, Metal Work, Wood Work, Systems, Electronics, and Energy Break-Through Vehicles, to wear leather shoes.

Not only is it an issue for health and safety, it is school uniform and as such must be worn. Students who constantly dress in school uniform look sensational and represent our College with pride. We are asking all parents to ensure their child dresses in correct uniform, from head to toe, each day.



SRC OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

There will be an Out of Uniform Day on Tuesday 2nd November – Melbourne Cup Day. Cost will be \$2. Money raised to go towards shade sails for the school.

School Schedule for the day:

Session 1 & 2 as normal

Lunchtime there will be a BBQ outside the foods room - \$3 for sausage & can of drink

Session 3 as normal

Recess & Session 4 – Fancy Dress Parade / Competitions for best hat, best dressed etc. Wheel barrow races, horse & jockey races, Elevate games and Band, Prizes!

ACTIVE LEADERS CLASS

This year the Active Leaders class did the baby program. We had to look after a baby for 2 nights and we had to do all the things that come with a real baby. We had to feed it, change its nappy, burp it, and comfort it when it's crying. Everyone had the experience and some people found it easy and some people found it hard. It's certainly an experience the class wouldn't forget.

Pictured below are Krystal and Abby.



PARENTS' CLUB

Next Meeting

Parents Club will hold a meeting, followed by a meal on Wednesday the 10th of November at the Borough Club Eaglehawk at 11.30am. All welcome.

Annual General Meeting

The Weeroona College Parents' Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 8th of December at 9.30am in the Conference room. All college parents and guardians most welcome to attend. Tea and coffee provided.

SPORTS NEWS

VSSSA STATE FINALS ATHLETICS

The college had 7 competitors in the VSSSA State Finals that were held at Olympic Park on Tuesday 19th October. It is pleasing to report that all competitors competed in a fine manner and tried their best. Some fantastic results were recorded. Congratulations to Brayden S who finished second in the Under 13 boys Javelin.

The efforts of Matt C need to be individually recognised. Matt produced an outstanding result in the 800 metres event where he ran superbly and won the event. Matt has done a great deal of hard work and this result vindicates his efforts. Well done Matt.



Below is a breakdown of results of competitors from WCB who were involved in the VSSSA Track and Field State Finals.

Tori B	15yr Hurdles – 8 th
Matthew C	15yr 800m – 1 st 15yr 400m – 3 rd
Shelley T	16yr 800m – 7 th 16yr 1500m – 9 th
Brayden S	13yr Javelin – 2 nd
Rhys I	16yr 1500m – 10 th

Super 8's Cricket – Year 9 and 10 Boys

Friday 22nd October saw the year 9 and 10 boys and girls district super 8's carnival take place at Beisher Park, Bendigo. WCB were represented by both a boys and a girls team in this competition. All students involved represented the college in a fine manner.

The girls team produced fine results to ultimately finish third in the competition. Stand out players were Kaitlin M G, Shelley T, Sarah N and Lilly C. The girls improved dramatically over the course of the day to easily win the play off for third and fourth.

The boys team began the competition slowly, being defeated by Catholic College 3 by 3 runs. After this game the Weeroona boys began to find form, easily winning their next two round games against Bendigo South East and Catholic College 2. Due to the teams strong winning margins the WCB outfit made the final against Catholic College 1. The team certainly saved their best for last, where they demolished Catholic College 1 in the district final. Consequently the squad will now represent the district in the State Finals to be held on Monday 8th November. The effort and application of the team was fantastic and all the team is looking forward to the next stage of this competition.

Stand out performers over the course of the day included Rhys I, Matt B, Harry W and Matt B.



Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

YEAR 7 NETBOOKS

Lenovo will proactively replace all S9 netbooks with new ThinkPad Mini10 netbooks. The new Mini10 netbooks will take on the warranty period of the original S9 machines. The replacement of these products has begun in Weeroona College Bendigo.

This will be a swap in, swap out replacement process; a Lenovo S9 netbook must be returned to receive a Lenovo ThinkPad Mini10.

The time of the swap over at Weeroona College Bendigo has been announced to students. Backing up of student data will be the responsibility of the student prior to handing back the S9.

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. We apologise for any inconvenience. Lay-by is available. Some second-hand uniform items are available.

Term 4 SHOP HOURS:

Mon - 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Thurs - 8.30 am – 12.00 pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Huntly North Bendigo Cricket Club

We presently need players for our Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 teams. Anyone wishing to find out more should contact the respective team coaches:

U13 - Troy Y 0400 429 078

U15 - Rod W 0439 488 857

U17 - Peter McR 0410 071 063