

## Contacts 2010

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Merin (C Wing)  
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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

18th—21st:: RACV Energy Breakthrough

22nd:: School Council—7pm

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

25th:: Year 10 Exams at BSSC

26th:: Year 10 Exams at BSSC

26th:: Booklist & Textbook Hire Forms Due in

29th:: Year 10 Transition Day at BSSC

30th:: Year 10 Transition Day at BSSC

#### December

2nd:: Year 10 Valedictory Dinner

6th:: School Council

7th:: Year 7 (2011) 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

### Year 7 NETBOOK Trial

The Department of Education has negotiated with Lenovo to replace all Year 7 Netbooks in the coming weeks. This has been due to the high number of faults with hinges in the Netbooks. In order for the changeover to occur the following will be happening:

- \*Students will need to back up their work from the Netbook.
- \*All Year 7 Netbooks are to be taken to D3 office to swap over by the end of this week.
- \*Students who have paid their contribution for 2010 will then be issued with their new Netbook.

**Please note:** - students who have not made the \$52 payment for 2010 need to make this payment. Students who have not made these payments will not be issued with a new Netbook.

### 1:1 Technology at Weeroona College Bendigo

School Council has also made a decision to initiate a Netbook program for all students in years 5 to 10 at Weeroona College Bendigo in 2011. The Netbooks come with a complete suite of DEECD computer programs and 24 hour/7 day a week access to the computer. These computers will be rolled over every 2 years.

Information Nights will be held for all parents early in 2011 where details of the program will be provided to all families who attend. This is a tremendous opportunity for all students at the College as we provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment for all students at WCB.

### Critical Incidents

Last Wednesday, an incident occurred which required us to action 'lockdown' procedures to ensure the safety of all members of our school. A lockdown is where everyone is required to stay in their classroom/work area until any possible threat has been dealt with. The lockdown was actioned as a result of an unknown male threatening the good order of our school. I am pleased to report that no one was harmed and that our staff are to be commended on their quick thinking and actions that ensured everyone's safety.

This week we have also experienced a fire in the new gymnasium, on the building site, which led us to evacuate everyone to the oval. Again I am pleased to report that no one was harmed and at least we know that we can respond to these incidents.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the students of Year 9 Indonesian – Gareth J, Lucy K, Laura K, Nakita L, Kellie F, Kelsey O and Nyot S and teacher Sandra Penna for their participation in the Loddon Mallee Region LOTE (Languages Other Than English) and ESL (English as a Second language) Film Festival and for being a finalist with their film 'Jagalah agar tetap hijau' (Keep It Green Man!). Everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments and the way in which they were able to demonstrate their language skills.

*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## IMPORTANT YEAR 10 INFORMATION...

### Year 10 Exams

The Year 10 end of semester exams are fast approaching and the following important information will help students and parents plan to make the exam period both a rewarding experience and a less stressful one.

#### VENUE:

- Bendigo Senior Secondary College Gym, Gaol Road entry. Students are not required at Weeroona College Bendigo during the exam period and are expected to make their own way to BSSC for each exam. Please contact the College if this is not possible on either of the days.

#### DATES:

- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - English / Science
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - Mathematics / Humanities

#### SESSION TIMES: (Both days)

- **Morning**  
9:30am – Assemble at BSSC gym in core groups, exam supervisors will direct students to allocated seats.  
9:45am – Ten minute Reading time begins  
9:55am – Exam begins  
11:25am – Exam finishes
- **Lunch Break**  
11:25am – 12:30pm
- **Afternoon**  
12:30pm - Assemble at BSSC gym in core groups, exam supervisors will direct students to allocated seats.  
12:45pm - Ten minute Reading time begins  
12:55pm - Exam begins  
2:25pm – Exam finishes

#### CODE OF CONDUCT:

- The College code of conduct, (except for the wearing of uniform), applies for the exam period: students who cannot adhere to this will be removed from the examination and will complete all further exams on the following Saturday at Weeroona College Bendigo.
- Students are not required to wear College uniform during the exam period; however, appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn: no singlet tops or thongs.
- Mobile phones, iPods etc are not allowed in exams, they may be stored, switched off, in your bag on the floor beside your exam desk.

#### PREPARATION:

- Complete all revision work given by your core class teachers.
- Talk to your teachers about work you don't understand.
- Plan your own summary sheet for the exams for the subjects that allow them.
- Make sure you have pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, summary sheet, dictionary, calculator and water on the day plus it is a good idea to bring a book to read if you finish early. You cannot leave until the designated time.
- Get a good night's sleep the night before and have a proper breakfast each morning. Also have something to eat during the lunch break.
- Please notify the College if you are unable to sit an exam due to illness.

*Brian Edebohls*  
Assessment & Reporting

## Year 10 BSSC Transition

Attention parents/carers of Year 10 students - Transition is just around the corner!! All Year 10 students who have enrolled at Bendigo Senior Secondary College for 2011 will shortly receive a letter outlining the upcoming transition days on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2010**. These two days will provide them with a great opportunity to experience their new subjects, meet some of their new teachers and get a feel for the BSSC grounds and surroundings. Through the letter you and your child will also be invited to attend one of four Parent Information Sessions being held in the gym.



If you have any questions about your child's enrolment please do not hesitate to contact the Student Coordinator's office on 5443 1222. The staff at BSSC look forward to welcoming your child into the college.

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November

8.50-9.30	Assembly (Gym)
9.30-10.00	Pathway Meeting
10.00-10.30	Recess
10.30-11.00	Home Group
11.00-12.10	Class
12.10-1.10	Lunch
1.10-2.20	Class
2.20-3.30	Class

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

8.50-9.10	Pathway Advisor Meetings
9.10-10.20	Class
10.20-10.50	Recess
10.50-12.00	Class
12.00-12.50	Lunch
12.50-2.00	Class
2.00-3.10	Class
3.10-3.30	Assembly (Gym)

## PARENTS' CLUB

### Annual General Meeting

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

### Honey Fundraiser

Leawood Honey fundraising forms have been sent home in the school mail out. Orders and money are to be returned to the General Office by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The honey orders are expected to be available for collection on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.



## MUSIC CONCERT

Our Instrumental Music students are giving an end of year concert for parents and friends on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The Parents' Club will be putting on a BBQ at 6.30pm and the concert will start at 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy some fine food and entertainment. Everyone will meet under the covered basketball court next to the Performing Arts building.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Our school joined the Premier and Minister for Education in celebrating another year of success for the Premier's Reading Challenge on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the National Gallery of Victoria.



A record-breaking 3.85 million books were read during this year's challenge as the challenge continues to inspire and engage right across Victoria.

Students mingled with and received autographs from well known authors, illustrators and PRC Ambassadors such as Graeme Base, Terry Denton and Leigh Hobbs and were entertained throughout the event by ambassador and Master of Ceremonies, Brian Nankervis.



*Above: Francois S with Premier John Brumby*

## 2010 YEARBOOK

If you would like to receive a Yearbook at the end of the year with your child's report, a payment of \$10 needs to be made at the General Office by FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010.

## SPORTS NEWS

### BDSCSC Boys Cricket

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October saw the BDSCSC Year 9/10 Cricket competition take place at Catholic College, Junortoun. The Boys produced a fine effort, but ultimately went down in the play off final to Crusoe College.

WCB produced an excellent result in their first game against Eaglehawk Secondary College posting a score of 2 for 122. They then held Eaglehawk to a score of 8/ for 96. Top run scores were Rhys I 60 not out and Matthew B 24, Adrian H bowled great line and length delivering 2 for 24.

The Second game saw WCB take on Crusoe College. WCB posted a score of 6 for 92 with Matthew B scoring 31, WCB bowled a good line but were ultimately 20 runs short of a competitive target with Crusoe reaching the score of 92 with 3 wickets down.

The WCB year 9 and 10 Cricket Regional Super 8's Finals was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Melton.



### YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS SUPER 8'S CRICKET

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of November saw the WCB Year 9 and 10 boys Super 8's Cricket team journey to McPherson Park to take place in the Cricket Victoria Super 8's regional finals.

The squad played three games throughout the course of the day. The first game was played against Stratton College. WCB posted an excellent score of 122 and held Stratton College to a score of 92. A highlight of the Weeroona team in this game was the excellent fielding, which resulted in keeping the opposition to a low score.

The second game saw Weeroona paired against the powerful St Joseph, Geelong outfit. It was in this game that Weeroona produced their best bowling performance for the day. Through tight bowling and great bowling Weeroona bowled St Joseph all out for a score of 64. Weeroona chasing a small total did not play with their natural flair but still posted a score of 89 to be conclusive winners of the second match.

The third game came down to a very simple equation. Win the final game and the team was through to the state final to

be held at the MCG. WCB was seeded to play Emmanuelle College, Warrnambool in this game. Weeroona bowled first and from the start it was obvious that the lads from Warrnambool were accomplished in this form of cricket. After the 8 overs the opposition had scored a very strong score of 142. The Weeroona boys responded in a fine manner and took the high score on with great enthusiasm and effort. In what was a fantastic game Weeroona score a very strong score of 138, ultimately falling 4 runs short.

The team were disappointed with the final result but they put in excellent performances throughout the Super 8's campaign. It was pleasing to see all boys involved make legitimate contributions to the team's performance. Stand out performers in a very even team included Harry W, Rhys I and Matthew B. The performance of Luke P as wicketkeeper was also fantastic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys for their efforts in relation to this competition. Collectively they played some excellent cricket and they were unlucky not to advance further in the competition.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN HARTLEY

A big congratulations to Year 7 student Ryan H who has been selected to represent Victoria in VSSSA Boys State Cricket side for 2010 in the 12 and under age group. This is a fantastic achievement from Ryan and great reward for an individual who works very hard on enhancing his cricket prowess. Ryan is an accomplished batsman who is also an extremely talented wicket keeper.



Ryan will represent Victoria in the upcoming 12 and under National Championships to be held in Canberra from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January. A highlight for Ryan will be receiving his Victorian Cap at the upcoming Ashes Boxing Day Test at the MCG.

Ryan is a student in the Secondary sector at Weeroona College Bendigo but because of his young age he is still eligible to compete in Primary school age groups. Ryan is an accomplished cricketer who works really hard and he is always receptive to feedback. We wish him well at the upcoming State titles and hope that he has individual and collective success at the upcoming State titles.

*Shawn McCormick*  
Sports Coordinator



## WELFARE NEWS

In 2011 a new initiative will be running at Weeroona next year called 'My School Too!' It will be coordinated by our past Primary Welfare Officer, Jamie Roberts.

'My School Too!' is a program that uses a unique approach that aims to empower the 'silent majority' in reducing incidences of bullying and harassment, and boosting a culture of safety and tolerance at a whole school level. The project is built on the following assumptions...

- The large majority of any student body want their school to be a safe environment free from bullying and harassment.
- That the opportunity for the student majority to voice their desire for a safe school as a collective is limited, sometimes non-existent.
- That for a range of reasons, often complex, it can be difficult for individual students to make a stand against bullying within the school community.
- In most cases, it is solely the role of school staff to send messages around school bullying and violence, and to initiate reminders about respectful behaviours.

The 'My School Too!' program will initially address the above beliefs by asking each and every student at Weeroona at the beginning of 2011 whether they agree or disagree with the following simple statement...

*...That all members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.*

This question will be asked as part of the start up day '3-way conferences between student, parent and advisor, and your child will be asked to 'pledge' their support to this belief by adding their name to the list of student names who have also agreed with the statement and pledged their support.

There will be a parent discussion session at the school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm at which Jamie and college representatives will explain the program in greater detail.

## 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

## FROM THE PHYS ED DEPARTMENT

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.



## SAVER PLUS

Opportunity to earn \$500 to go towards school costs for Weeroona families. Would an extra \$500 help cover your education costs?

Saver Plus is a nationally-recognised program developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, and run by Loddon Mallee Housing Services. The program has been successfully operating in Bendigo for 6 months, and still has places available this year.

*Saver Plus matches people one dollar for every one dollar they save to be put towards the cost of education. By joining you could receive up to \$500 from ANZ to help pay for education-related expenses.*

Saver Plus offers:

- An opportunity to build your financial skills
- An opportunity to save for your own or your children's education
- Personal support and guidance as you save
- An opportunity to have every \$1 you save 'matched' (up to \$500)

Matched savings can be used to pay for books, uniforms, camps, computers, sporting costs and more.

To join Saver Plus you must be over 18, have a child in school or be studying yourself, receive some income in the family from paid employment, and have a Health Care or Pension Card.

Contact Sam Taylor on 5444 9082 or 0409 909 554, or email [samt@lmhs.com.au](mailto:samt@lmhs.com.au) for more information on how to join.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### North Bendigo Pre-school Annual Fair!

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 from 5pm-7pm.

Jumping Castle, BBQ & Pizza, Lucky Jars, Cake Stall, Show Bags, Raffle, Face Painting, Spinning Wheel, Bendigo Bank Piggy. Entry by gold coin donation.

