

## Contacts 2010

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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

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—Primary School Students are expected at school. It will be a student free day for all Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students NOT involved in Awards Night Rehearsal

7th:: Awards Evening

17th:: Last Day of Term 4

#### February

4th:: Start Up Day—1pm-8pm

7th:: Normal classes resume

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Summer Learning = Reading

School's out but brains don't need to go on holiday too. Families can enjoy being together and keeping on learning during the lovely long weeks of summer. Children easily lose ground if learning stops during the summer break. Fortunately, learning never has to stop. With your help, children are more likely to remember what they learned last year. A recent study estimates that summer loss for all students equals about a month of academic learning so keep those brains busy and occupied through the power of books.

- Children who read throughout the summer gain skills and can start the new school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them. The more they like to read, the more they will read.
- Start a journey of discovery together. Make regular visits to the library to find books, magazines, and movies on the topic your child is interested in. Look for related fiction as well as non-fiction.
- Ask questions as you read together or when your independent reader finishes a book. Ask your child to tell you something new or surprising they learned, or to read a section that was full of interesting words.
- Taking a field trip together to have a hands-on experience can add to what you have been learning from books and movies.
- Give children material that motivates them to read. Try comic books, directions for interesting projects, and mystery stories. Have them read information about possible activities as you plan your summer vacation.
- Support them as they read. Read their book aloud to them, help them decode, and make it easy for them to get the meaning. Show them that reading is a way to find out what they need to know, and to entertain themselves.
- Give them easy reading. Summer is supposed to be relaxed. Let them get absorbed in the book. When you read with them, make it your goal to enjoy the book together. You don't have to make them read perfectly! Avoid too much correction. In school next year, the teacher will help them. If you have any worries, jot them down to mention to the teacher when school starts.
- Be a model of reading. Bring books to the beach and read them. If you are travelling, find a book for the whole family to read and discuss.

### Student Scholarships

<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/>

**These school scholarships are for students who are studying in Victoria (Australia) and who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia.**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development administers 30 different student scholarships for this round which equates to approximately 175 scholarship awards (as some scholarships have more than the one award).

**For scholarships that the Department administers, a student must apply for a scholarship at the same year level that they are studying in 2010, e.g. a student in Year 8 in 2010 would apply for a Year 8 scholarship...**

**Scholarships for students at relevant 2010 year levels will be granted and paid early in 2011.**

The scholarships are offered to primary, secondary and tertiary students and range in value from \$250 to over \$2000.

They are generally awarded to students who:

- demonstrate excellent academic achievement
- demonstrate outstanding participation in their school and local community
- are in financial need (determined by the parents/guardians being in receipt of the Education Maintenance Allowance or the students themselves receiving the Youth Allowance).

However there are scholarships that are not based on the above criteria, especially scholarships connected to the Police Force and the Rail, Tram and Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

**Please note:** There are more than thirty scholarships offered for the George Garibaldi Turri Scholarship. This scholarship is for VCE students at government schools who intend to become teachers.

There are also two scholarships for student teachers. These are the Charlotte Wilson Scholarship and the Doris Evans Scholarship.

To apply for a scholarship there is a 4 part process:

1. Register
2. Apply for the scholarship
3. Your principal verifies your results
4. Selection is made and the successful applicant notified.

**Please click on the [How to Apply](#) menu and read the information carefully before registering for a scholarship.**

Before applying for Scholarships online, you will need to [register](#) with a user name and password to access the site. You can change your password at any time by using the [change password](#) page. If you have forgotten your password, follow the [forgotten password](#) link.

If you have forgotten your user name please [email us](#) with the student name and address, DOB, contact number and correct email address details. We will correct your information and send a confirmation email with the necessary login details.

*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Reminder to parents, that invitation's to awards night and school reports will be sent home shortly. If you have moved recently please notify us of your new address, if you haven't already done so.

## HIRED TEXT BOOKS

A reminder to parents that text books and novels need to be returned to the Library; when they are no longer needed in class. Bond refund cheques will be sent home in December, providing books are returned in good order.

## PARENTS' CLUB

### 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.

## 2010 MARYBOROUGH ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

A very big thank you to all the people who have contributed to this year's event. Each of the three teams performed to a very high standard and represented their school proudly. This year our teams had fantastic contributions from new and existing sponsors, parents, teachers and students. If ever the power of teamwork was evident, then 2010 was the year that a new flame has been ignited in this innovative program. A new structure of team management, vehicle building and team training is now in place. We are looking forward to next year and the challenges ahead. Good luck to the Year 10 team members who will be leaving; they have been great role models for the younger students.

Special thanks to our excellent catering people who provided the fuel for our students to burn, Teacher Helen Peppinck has been tireless in her efforts, parents Gay Huggard and Kym Blume were a fantastic help as well. A big thanks to Peter Huggard and our support crew of teachers including Geoff Dempster, Ron James, Karen Dale, Ron Llewelyn, Gary Schroeder, Sarah Nalder and Carolyn Jones. Thanks also to the parents who helped in the Pits, Boyd Harris and Ian Frost who contributed to the team's performance over a gruelling 24 hour time period.

The Team managers this year were Mark Adams and Tim Lawrance - 'Rushed', Kris Purden and Jean Stephens - 'Watchmii', Ivan Kitt and Stephen Hocking - 'Catchmii'.

A special thanks must go to John Taylor for his huge efforts over the past 12 years in getting the Energy Vehicle program implemented at Weeroona College Bendigo. Good luck John in your retirement in 2011.

Sponsors for 2010 have been -'Cartridge World', 'Keech Castings', 'Acciona Energy', 'Morey and Hurford', 'I.G.A. Long Gully', 'Perrows Automotive Paints', 'Hume and Iser', 'HM Gem Engines', 'Sunny Crust Bread'. The contributions from these excellent companies have been greatly appreciated. A detailed report from each team follows below.

*Tim Lawrance*  
Energy Vehicles Coordinator

### Energy Breakthrough Senior HPV Team

Congratulations to all team members of the senior team on a fine performance at the RACV energy breakthrough Maryborough 2010 which saw the team take out third place in the trial.

The team got off to a flying start on the Friday night qualifying session thanks to B.J H clocking a very fast time of 1.43, this saw the team sitting 4<sup>th</sup> on the grid for the main race.

On the Saturday the team had to overcome some difficulties which tested the team spirit, to the team's credit they overcome the challenges they were faced with. The main challenge they were faced with was the loss of steering which saw the car sitting in the pits for an hour. A big thanks to Mr Adams for getting out of bed and welding the steering arms back together and Brenton H for running the parts between the pits.

Early Sunday Morning the team was making great progress on the teams in front of them, bit by bit we were getting closer thanks to great riding from all team members (not one member put in a bad ride, all were just fantastic).

By 8.00 o'clock we thought we had a chance of getting third which was amazing after sitting in the pits for an hour the previous night. With 2 ½ hours to go thanks to a great ride from Tori B and Brad H we were in third place and getting away from our rivals. Every rider should be proud of their achievements in this race as they all pulled together as a team, we as the team managers are so proud to be a part of this amazing team and what they achieved.

Team Members were:

RIDERS: B.J. H, Brenton H, Brad H, Matt C, Lily C, Shelley T, Kellie F and Tori B.

PIT CREW: Opal M.

Also big thanks to all parents who came and helped out at this great event. To Mr Adams and Lawrance a VERY BIG thanks for all the preparation and hard work throughout the year to get all teams on the track this year. Also, a big thank you to Miss Purden & Miss Stephens for their help with Display and Presentation.

*Steve Hocking / Ivan Kitt.*



### Junior HP Vehicle report

The junior team, comprising of team captain Mark B, Todd S, Luke M, Reece H, Brooke E, Breanna B, Bree E, Kati P and Renee R, had a fantastic four days at Maryborough where they and team managers Kristen Purden and Jean Stephens all enjoyed the excitement of being part of the RACV Energy Breakthrough race. They also performed well at the display and presentation, with Brooke and Renee's short play on greenhouse gases a highlight.

The team were riding in a newly fitted out bright yellow car called WTCHMII, and over the 24 hours they all worked tirelessly to keep it on the track. There were some issues with gears on the car, and a few crashes made some holes in it, but their determined and resourceful repairs kept it going to the last lap. All the riders put in marathon rides, being woken through the Saturday night to take their turns in the car, and they were rewarded by coming fifth in their category. A really fantastic result for our young team.

*Jean Stephens*



### 'Rushed' Hybrid2 Report

Friday night practise arrived and all the team members of Rushed, Weeroona's Hybrid 2 vehicle were ready and all last minute checks had been completed. The car ran smoothly and everyone had an opportunity to get in some night driving and track time. Rushed qualified 6<sup>th</sup> overall, however we discovered a broken engine mount, it was going to be a late night!

The race started and straight away we could see the pace was going to be hot. After some lead foot driving we realised that fuel consumption would become an issue. Things settled down quickly and we were right on the pace, car running well, plenty of solar energy to charge our batteries and all team members happy. As always batteries became a problem over night. With the sun breaking through we ran out of fuel, so our only form of drive was the electric system. Little did we know there was another twist around the corner. The electric motor was overheating and in the process flattening batteries at a very fast rate. The car was taken off the track and a replacement electric motor installed. It was a great effort by all involved and a wonderful fight back to finish the trial in 5<sup>th</sup> position.

Well done to all the drivers and a special thanks to all the support parents and staff.

*Mark Adams*



## MUSIC CONCERT AND MUSIC NEWS



The music students had a really busy day on Tuesday. In the morning they performed for our primary students and students from WHPS. This proved to be a great rehearsal for Tuesday night's concert. Before the evening concert, parents, students and teachers had a BBQ tea prepared by members of the Parents Club. We sat outside near the covered basketball area and had a chance to mingle and chat with everyone. This created a nice and relaxed feeling in the lead-up to the concert.

The program was varied with music performances from instrumental students, singers and dancers. The evening gave us a chance to farewell three of our most valued Year 10 students. Good luck and all the best to Sophie C-S, Amy L and Regan K who received certificates from Ms Preece, recognising their fabulous contribution to the music department over the past four years. It was great to see so many parents turn up for the concert. Thank you for your continued support.

Band rehearsal will be on as usual this coming Tuesday at 8.00am. Students will perform at "Awards Night" on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. They need to be at the BSSC Gym by 5.30pm for a sound check.

*Therese Johnston*  
School Music coordinator

## IMPORTANT YEAR 10 INFORMATION...

### Year 10 BSSC Transition

BSSC transition days are on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2010**. These two days will provide a great opportunity to experience their new subjects, meet some of their new teachers and get a feel for the BSSC grounds and surroundings.



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)

## WEEROONA'S GOT TALENT!!!!

Over the past few weeks a number of our Year 10 students have been busy organising and staging 'Weeroona's Got Talent'; a special event to raise money for Water Sanitation Projects in Haiti.

Due to the catastrophic January earthquake which devastated large areas of Haiti, much of the country's vital infrastructure has been affected, leaving a high percentage of the population living in makeshift camps.

This current situation has exacerbated an existing water hygiene crisis in Haiti. In early October an outbreak of cholera occurred in outlying areas of Haiti, due to poor water sanitation. This outbreak has now turned into a country-wide epidemic.

As part of our Year 10 Science Medicine and Disease Unit, students began investigating a range of water-borne infectious diseases. In the course of this research, the students became aware of a number of projects operating in Haiti which work to supply and distribute water purifying materials and equipment (e.g. chlorinators and chlorine tablets). A clean and safe water supply is a key strategy required to prevent the spread cholera.

A group of students decided to organise and stage 'Weeroona's Got Talent', as a way to both raise money to donate to Haiti and to showcase the amazing range of talented young people who attend our school.

The event was staged across two consecutive Wednesday lunchtimes and involved eleven acts from both Primary and Secondary levels. The performances ranged from dance duos to rap and ballad solos. Instrumental soloists and novelty dance groups also performed. A major highlight was the unique rendition of 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart' performed by Mr(s?)Shawn McCormick and Sophie C-S.

The winners were:

Primary Section: Jocelyn B
Junior Secondary: Justin A
Senior Secondary: Kelsey O

The event and accompanying raffle raised \$240, with the funds being given to Oxfam Australia's International Crisis Fund to support their work in Water Purification and Sanitation Projects in Haiti.

A huge thank you to all Year 10 M10B students for all their hard work, in particular Hollie F, Bec C, Regan K, Brittany M, Kim H, Kayne D, Chontelle M and Melissa W. Special recognition goes to Sophie C-S who was the driving force behind much of the organisation of the event, and who worked tirelessly in collecting donations from local businesses to use for prizes, promoting the event and arranging Cr James Reed to attend as a special guest judge.

Thanks also to all staff and students who supported this important cause.

*Jennie Ryan*  
Science Teacher

## 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.



## WELFARE NEWS

A very frustrating situation parents can find themselves in when supporting their children through school is when a child tells of being harassed or bullied. No parent wants their child to be poorly treated by their peers, nor do teachers, nor do the vast majority of the students attending the school either. I have worked in over 60 schools, and it's my experience that it is always only a small minority of students who for whatever reason have resorted to using the kinds of behaviours that amount to the bullying or harassment of other students.

It can be very tempting for a parent who is trying to help solve a problem of bullying or harassment to suggest that perhaps the bully deserves 'a taste of their own medicine' and encourage their child to say nasty things back or even hurt the wrong doer physically in order to get the message through that they need to stop being mean. We all want our children to stand up for themselves (as well as have school staff intervene) but we need to think about how we want them to do so. Everyone has a story (or knows someone who does) about young 'Johnny' or 'Jill' who after becoming fed up with being targeted by the school bully, gives them a bit of their own back resulting in the bully being put back in their place and the hero of the story living happily ever after! What we hear less about are the many more stories where 'Johnny' or 'Jill' uses verbal or physical aggression in trying to 'sort out' the bully but where the result this time is that problem gets much worse and now we have two (or more) young people using violent behaviours to try and solve problems instead of one!

As part of the 'My School Too!' project, students will participate in a session that looks at 'smart ways' of standing up for themselves without resorting to the use of violent behaviours and thus becoming part of the problem. It's so important that we teach young people non-violent ways of solving problems which I hope you will agree are valuable lessons that will serve them for life.

**Come along to the 'My School Too!' parent information session next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm in the Wannop Community building to hear more about the program and how parents can support their children and the school in becoming an even better place for students to learn and grow.** It's vital that parents get behind this program that is built on the simple but crucial message that everyone has a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.

*Jamie Roberts*

## 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