

Contacts 2010

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

Absences: Sue Jones

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
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 Munger
KMS Marion Stewart
KPO Paul O'Shea
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Principal:
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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

December

17th:: Last Day of Term 4

February

3rd:: Start Up Day—5pm-8pm

4th:: Start Up Day—9am—1pm

7th:: 2011 Scheduled classes begin

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2010 has been a year of significant change at Weeroona College Bendigo and I would like to use this opportunity, the final newsletter of the year, to thank all students, parents and staff for their hard work and support throughout the year. The move to the new buildings was a significant event for us however the most pleasing part of the year has been the way that students and staff responded to working in the new spaces and everyone across the college has endeavoured to assist all students to achieve Personal Excellence.

Year 10 Graduation Dinner

Last Thursday evening we held the Year 10 Graduation Dinner at the Quality Resort All Seasons Bendigo. Fortunately the weather was kind to us with no rain for this special event. This meant that the crowd of onlookers could enjoy the exciting arrival of all of the students in their finery and their various modes of transport!!! It is always a memorable night and this was no exception! The students looked sensational and it was quite emotional to see these young adults at their school farewell and think back to when they first began at Weeroona College Bendigo. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the dancing, the photos, the conversation, the meal and time together.

Congratulations to all of the Year 10's. It was a wonderful evening and on behalf of our staff I wish you all the very best for the future. These students have been great leaders within the school this year and have shown strong leadership. This was exemplified by the way in which they went about completing their exams, which were held at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. The exams have been a great transition opportunity for the Year 10's and we look forward to continuing this relationship with BSSC in the future.

On Tuesday of this week we had two more significant events.

Year 6 Orientation Day

The year 7, 2011 students experienced their first full day of school at Weeroona College Bendigo on Tuesday learning our college values – Respect, Integrity and Personal Excellence as well as their new school song.

We recognise that the beginning of secondary school is an important milestone for our students. It evokes a variety of emotions, behaviours and challenges for both young adolescents and their parents or other caregivers. It can also provide students with an opportunity for a fresh start as we introduce them to the culture and expectations of our school.

Students and teachers enjoyed the transition day and we look forward to coming together at the beginning of next year as we start the journey towards Personal Excellence with every student.

A big thank you to Mr Gary Schroeder and Ms Sarah Smith for their organisation of this terrific day.

Awards Night

On Tuesday night we held a very successful Awards night at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Everyone at Weeroona College Bendigo should be enormously proud of all that has been achieved throughout 2010. The Awards night highlighted many outstanding student achievements and is testament to the fantastic opportunities that our school offers. There are too many to cover on this one occasion and a great many more to be proud of throughout the whole of this year. Congratulations to all

students who have striven to achieve their true potential in a whole range of academic and extra-curricular achievements. Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of this special night.

I would like to wish all members of the school community a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE INTERN PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

As the year draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Weeroona College Bendigo community for extending such a warm welcome to me over the past two years, firstly as a Teaching and Learning coach and then more recently as an Intern Principal.

During my internship, I have had such a variety of experiences, from attending Bendigo Education Plan Executive and Network meetings to attending site meetings with architects and builders. I have worked closely with members from both the Leadership Team and Student Learning Team and much has been achieved during the year by both these groups.

The opportunity to travel to Canada with other WCB staff to attend a 3 day conference and undertake school visits that have a focus on Self Directed Learning has certainly had an impact on me. I feel confident that as this college works towards a more personalized approach to the curriculum many more opportunities for students to take an active role and make informed decisions about their learning will arise.

Hearfelt thanks to the Learning Community Leaders and Domain Leaders for your support and guidance in my role as Intern Principal. It has been amazing to work with such a vibrant group. Also, a BIG thanks to the teaching and ES staff for your support and advice which have allowed me to learn from each of you.

I reserve my last HUGE thank you to Leanne Preece, Principal, who has been a very supportive, encouraging and inspiring mentor. Your coaching, advice and guidance has been instrumental in my development as a leader. Thank you!

Although I am saddened to be leaving Weeroona College Bendigo, I am about to embark on a new journey, as Assistant Principal at Kangaroo Flat Primary School. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of the WCB staff for the last two years.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to hearing about the continued wonderful work happening at this college in the future.

Kim Saddlier

HIRED TEXT BOOKS

A reminder to parents that text books and novels need to be returned to the Library immediately. Bond refund cheques will be sent home, providing books are returned in good order.

HELLO FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL NURSE

Hi, my name is Sarah Warburton and I have recently commenced as the Weeroona College Bendigo school nurse. I thought it was a good opportunity to explain the role of the Secondary School Nurse (SSN). Most people hear the word nurse and think hospitals, illness and bandages. However the SSN has quite a different role, which involves working as part of the school welfare team. Students are better prepared for learning when they are healthy, safe and happy and the school nurse is involved in assisting with health education, health promotion and one on one health consultation with individual students or small groups. I encourage students, staff and parents to access me as a health resource. I can provide information, guidance and support about a range of issues that includes:

- Relationships
- Self esteem
- Loss and grief
- Adolescent health concerns
- Bullying
- Safe sex
- Pregnancy
- Smoking, alcohol and drug use
- Managing stress and anxiety
- Healthy weight
- Problems at home.

Being informed helps students make better health choices. If necessary, the SSN can also help students get in touch with other health providers, such as local doctors and pharmacists, community health services, psychologists, student support service officers, family planning services and more.

The service is free, friendly and confidential. I work on Monday's all day and then on Tuesday & Wednesday's from 8.30am – 12.15pm. I work in the DEECD office on a Tuesday afternoon and can be contacted there if anyone would like to speak to me. I look forward to meeting with staff, students and families at some stage throughout my time here. Please feel free to call or email me on the following details: Weeroona College Bendigo: 5443 2133 Mobile: 0407 300 2287 DEECD: 5440 3332 Email: warburton.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Sarah Warburton
Secondary School Nurse

PARENTS' CLUB

A **Christmas luncheon** is planned for Wednesday the 15th of December at The Cambrian Hotel, Arnold Street, 12 noon. All College parents most welcome to attend. Contact Lynda on 0429 809 095 for bookings. \$5 Kris Kringle gift to anyone wishing to participate.

Next Year Parents Clubs' first get together will be on Wednesday the 9th of February 2011, in the Conference room at 9.15am.

Our Club invites all new and current parents to come along and be involved in the planning of the new direction of the Weeroona College Bendigo Parents Club for year 2011.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations- Loddon Mallee Sports Awards

Congratulations to Matt C and Billie R who have both been awarded Regional Sports awards for 2010. Matt and Billy received their awards on Wednesday 8th December at the All Season Resort. Matt received his award for his fantastic year of school based athletics while Billie was recognised for her prowess in relation to school based diving. Both individuals have displayed outstanding prowess in their individual sport. On behalf of the college community - Well done.

School Sport Victoria

School based sport will have some major changes from 2011. The VSSSA (Victorian State School Sports Association) will now be known as School Sport Victoria. Consequently the BDSCSC (Bendigo District Secondary College Sports Association) will now be known as the Sandhurst Division of School Sport Victoria.

Students and schools will still compete in the same sports at Bendigo level, but we will have slightly varied pathways to make State Finals. The Northern Zone will now be known as the Loddon Mallee Zone, and consequently there will then be conference play- offs to make State Finals.

Another major change at district level will be the introduction of Catholic College back into the Sandhurst District (formerly BDSCSC). This is fantastic, as it will provide stronger competition at district level. Catholic College will also have the opportunity (like all non –government schools) to advance through district, zone and ultimately State level in all sports under the School Sport jurisdiction.

We look forward to another great year of college based sports.

Shawn McCormick
Sports 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. 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

Last Day of trading for 2010 will be Thursday 16th December.

Back to School Times – 2011

Monday 24th January – 11am – 5pm

Tuesday 25th January – 11am – 5pm

Wednesday 26th January – CLOSED (Australia Day Holiday)

Thursday 27th January – 11am – 5pm

Friday 28th January – 11am – 5pm

Monday 31st January – 11am – 5pm

Tuesday 1st February – 11am – 5pm

Wednesday 2nd February – 11am – 5pm

Thursday 3rd February – 11am – 5pm

Friday 4th February – 12noon – 8pm (Start Up Day)

Monday 7th February – 2pm – 5pm



Dear Weeroona Parents, Grandparents, In-laws, Staff and students who contributed knitting and crocheting squares for this worthy cause, many thank you to all, I am sending a big box full of square made by us, which will be greatly appreciated by the orphans.



Thank you all again, wishing you a nice Festive Season and holidays.

Ms Munger
Textiles