

## Contacts 2010

**Personal Difficulties  
College Support Team:**  
Sue Bull

**Chaplain:** Katie Sargent  
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Jamie Roberts

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**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

**Advisory Teachers:**  
**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 Naomi Ciezki  
MRJ Ron James  
MSM Shawn McComick  
MTJ Therese Johnston  
MTV Tilby Hayward

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LBP Barbara Pelly  
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LCN Chloe Neath  
LDA Dianne Andrea  
LGD Geoff Dempster  
LJM Jill McKenzie  
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LMR Matthew Reeves  
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LTL Tim Lawrance

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KBE Brian Edebohls  
KDS Debbie Shipp  
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KGS Gary Schroeder  
KJG James Ginnivan  
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**Principal:**  
Leanne Preece

**Assistant Principal:**  
Helen Tuohey

# 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 1....

### Calendar

#### March

8th:: Labour Day Public Holiday

15th:: College Council—7.00 pm

26th:: Last Day Term 1

#### April

12th:: Start Term 2

20th:: 1st round of Immunisations—Yr 7 & Yr 10

26th:: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Student Leadership at Weeroona College Bendigo

At Weeroona College Bendigo we strive to ensure that our students are active citizens of our school community and that they have their ideas and opinions routinely sought and respected. We expect our students to make real decisions by contributing to and participating in decision-making in our school in a variety of ways because:

- We recognise that our young people have unique perspectives on learning, teaching, and schooling
- Their insights warrant not only the attention but also the respect and responses of adults; and
- Our students should be afforded opportunities to actively shape their education.

Congratulations to the following students who have taken on a student leadership role through the Student Representative Council this year:

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| Year 10 | Brodie B<br>Shelly T<br>Sophie C              | Whensday S<br>Zak C<br>Rhys I                |
| Year 9  | Sarah W<br>Nakita L                           | Kelsey O<br>Liam O                           |
| Year 8  | Michael F<br>Zoe M<br>Daniel K                | Bree H<br>Amy W                              |
| Year 7  | Mitchell L<br>Nathan W<br>Brittany T<br>Zoe H | Summer R<br>Rhapsody A<br>Liam C<br>Nathan B |
| Grade 6 | Lucy H  | Chris G                                      |

The SRC will be supported by teacher Ms Karen Dale and I look forward to their contributions and ideas for improving our school.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Alana M Year 10 who has been selected to attend the AUSTRALASIAN BLUELIGHT YOUTH LEADERSHIP and PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM from 4 to 9 April 2010 in Auckland, New Zealand.

This is a Camp based program aimed at enhancing and preparing today's youth leaders for the challenges of tomorrow. Alana will also experience the culture and history of the indigenous peoples of New Zealand. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her experiences when she returns.

### We want our students to tell us what they think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an

understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. This is the eighth year that the survey has been offered. Students from years 5 to 10 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Tuesday 27 April to Friday 7 May. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

### Environmental Leadership Team

It also gives me pleasure to report that we have an Environmental Leadership Team with students from across our learning communities. This group of dedicated students, ably supported by Mr Waters, are developing a strategy for ensuring that our school environment is cared for by everyone and is sustainable. Congratulations to the following students who are committed and already developing a multi-pronged approach to ensure that we all take responsibility for our environment:

KAPPEN: Brenton H, Tom L, Sheridan H & Morgan C

WANNOP: Tyler S and Tamay B

KATYIL: Maddi L, Cody J & Jordan F

MERIN: Taylah N, Kim H, Chontelle M, Raquel H, Melissa W, Shelley T, & Jake C

*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Immunisations

The first round of immunisations are to take place on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9.30am. It will involve Year 7 and Year 10 students.

**If parents nominate for their child NOT to be immunized, the cards need to be completed, indicating this and returned. Immunisation cards need to be returned to the General Office/their Advisor by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

Subsequent Immunisation dates are-

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Yr 7 girls only

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Yr 7 girls & boys.

Any queries need to be directed to Ms Sue Jones.

### Students with Medications

Parents are reminded of college requirements in regards to students and medications/medicines. The college **does not** have Panadol, Asprin etc and other such products for general student use and legally is not able to keep such medications.

Students who do need to have medicines/medications at school for specific reasons e.g. pain relief for fractured arm, ADD medication etc are required to bring them in a suitable container labelled with the students name, form and dosage. They are to be kept in Ms Jones' Student Management Office to be dispensed as required. Parents are asked to support the college in this matter.

**Unwell/Injured students**

Parents collecting students who are unwell or have been injured are asked to first report to the General Office. They will then be directed to where their child is.

**Buses**

There have been a number of students wanting to leave classes early and take school bags to Session 4 so that they can catch the Huntly public bus that arrives on Napier Street at approx 3.25pm.

Students are not permitted to take school bags to class nor leave early so that they can catch their preferred bus.

Parents are asked to be supportive of this.

**Year 10 Hoodies**

The final order for 'hoodies' has been finalised and sent off. Students will be notified when they arrive.

*Helen Tuohey*  
**Assistant Principal**

**PARENTS' CLUB**

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| <p>The Advance Life Photography- this is a great opportunity to get a present for Mother's day or to up-date the album. Please encourage friends and family to participate. Cost \$15 for a framed photo and key tag. Further forms are available at the office or contact me directly (0423711322).</p> | <p>Major Fundraising Raffle- which has a great assortment and lots of opportunities to win a prize, as does those that participate in the selling of the tickets. Tickets are \$1 and further sheets of tickets can be collected at the office. Prizes drawn the last day of term. Winners to be notified by phone.</p> |
| <p>Make your mark in history with the purchase of an engraved paver. These are going to be incorporated into the schools landscaping. \$25 each with forms available at the office.</p>  | <p>Next Parents' Club Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 9.15 am at the conference room. Weeroona College Parents Club wish to invite any parents wish to participate to our next meeting, everybody is welcome.</p>  |

Jackie Perryman  
**Parents' Club President**

**FRENCH NEWS**

**Mardi Gras at Weeroona College Bendigo**

In the last two weeks several French classes enjoyed crêpes with jam and whipped cream or crêpes with lemon and sugar, as part of the celebration of Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday). Students cooked their own crêpes and many showed some expertise at flipping them. Mardi Gras is the day before Lent, a period of 40 days of fasting and Alms-giving before Easter.

In France the custom is for primary children to dress up on this day and enjoy the carnival atmosphere. In most French towns there is a parade led by a puppet king who is burnt at the end of the parade. This is followed by dancing in the streets and merriment. The cities of Nice and Dunkirk are renowned for their spectacular parades.

*Barbara Pelly*  
**French Teacher**

**YEAR 7 WATER SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM**

With a large number of families spending time in the water, students have been learning about the need to ensure themselves and their friends stay safe. Over the past three weeks Year 7 students have been participating and developing their confidence in a number of different water activities.

The emphasis of the program has been to practice water safety skills and then explain the situations where they would apply these skills. The program will soon be concluding with students participating in a water safety tabloid competition where students will demonstrate their development and knowledge.

**NETBALL**

**Golden City Netball**

If any girls are interested in playing netball for Weeroona College in Golden City's Saturday Winter Competition, please see Miss Dale for entry forms.

**ENERGY VEHICLES 2010**

To start this report, I firstly like to acknowledge John Taylor and his fantastic efforts over the past 11 years at Weeroona College Bendigo. Without John's knowledge and skills in this area we would not have had an Energy Vehicles program. John was the catalyst in driving this program forward and making our College a pre eminent leader in this field on a state and national level. His influence has even reached across the pacific to the state of New Mexico in the United States of America and helped to bring an American team to our shores!

John is getting closer to retirement and a very well earned rest. He has dropped back to a half time work load and luckily for Weeroona will concentrate on the building of the innovative and high tech vehicles that we have become familiar with. We wish John a VERY BIG thankyou from all

of us at Weeroona and all the very best in your future endeavours. On saying that, John will still be involved and will be running the Madison teams for the coming weekend.

The first event of the year was held at Casey Fields sporting complex, Cranbourne on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of February. We had three teams competing, which were comprised of two Junior (Yrs7/8/9) and one senior (Yr 10). These teams raced for six hours over a tight and fast 1.8 kilometre track with a total of 62 teams in the field. We purposely integrated some new riders and year sevens into the teams to give them some experience. The day was really successful on many fronts. One, it didn't rain!!

Team Captains did a top job and provided real leadership, new staff members got a taste of what is involved and helped tremendously, every person there from, PIT crew, parents, staff and students worked towards a common purpose and to top it off we had some fun! The two junior teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the senior team came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to parents Gay Huggard & Steven Ahearn, Pit Crew - Darcy, Nathan and Opal and staff of Helen Peppinck, Ivan Kitt, Jean Stephens, Mark Adams and John Taylor. A team Captain's report will follow below.

2010 will be a consolidating year for Energy Vehicles at Weeroona and a time to put in place a structure that will take us forward in a sustainable way. The number of events have been scaled back a bit this year but we aim to have a quality group of teams for Maryborough in November. No training this Friday at Tom Flood due to the Madison Carnival.

*Tim Lawrance*  
**Energy Vehicle Coordinator**

### **Energy Vehicle Report from Kellie Frost –**

*On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 3 teams from Weeroona College Bendigo travelled down to Casey Fields to compete in the 6 hour Energy Breakthrough endurance race.*

*My team was made up of Year 7, 8 & 9 students. We all took turns to race in the HPV car 'Bulletproof'. In the end we came 3<sup>rd</sup> in our section; we were pleased with the result. We thank everyone for their contribution and help in organising our team. It was a great experience for our new riders and was lots of fun for those who have already raced at Casey before.*

### **Report from Shelley T -**

*Many students and teachers awoke early on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February to travel to Casey Fields, Cranbourne, for a six hour HPV energy breakthrough race. There were three*

*teams competing, each consisting of 6 or 7 members. Bullet Head and Bullet Proof were both entered into the Junior Secondary class, whilst Silver Bullet II was entered into the senior secondary class. We had great results with Bullet Head and Bullet Proof coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their section and Silver Bullet II coming second as well. We would like to say thanks to the teachers and parents who came along to help and also to the students who were pit crew or rode in the cars. All your time and efforts were appreciated.*

### **Report from Matthew C–**

*On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we had to get to school at 5 am to go up to compete at the annual HPV race at Casey Fields. After a long trip we arrived at the course in time for our scrutineering. After successfully passing, we prepared for the race.*

*We were in the car Bullet Head. Our first rider was Reece Harris. We were coming in a close second for the whole race, with the eventual winners of our class only ever 1 or 2 laps ahead until the very end. Everyone on our team had a great time. The race was a good experience for our riders, who had never raced before.*

*Our team members were: Reece H, Mark B, Nathan J, Anthony H, Matthew C, Reece A and Jordan C.*



## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Intercollege Swimming Carnival**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February saw the inter school swimming carnival take place at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. I was thrilled with the efforts of each and every individual, although collectively we are not strong in swimming it was great to see each and every individual make a concerted effort. Well done to all involved.

The Diving competition saw Weeroona feature strongly. Congratulations to Ryan K (under 16 boys) and Billie R (under 14 girls) who both were stand out performers in the Diving competition. Ryan has a trampoline background who has great potential in the art of diving. Billie R is an established diver who has represented Victoria over the course of the past year.

Ryan and Billie will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the Northern Zone Swimming Championships to be held in Swan Hill on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to both competitors.

### Dragon Mile

Easter Monday will see the Bendigo YMCA Harriers Dragon Mile take place in Bendigo. Each year we have strong representation from the student body in this event. We actively encourage students in the college to be involved in this event, as it is organised by one of Building Stronger Links the Bendigo YMCA Harriers. It is great to have strong numbers again this year. Mr McCormick will be heavily promoting the event over the coming weeks. Please feel free to contact Mr McCormick if you have any queries relating to this event.



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### Athletics Carnival

The Weeroona Athletics Carnival will take place at the Latrobe University Athletics Complex on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. It is a great day and we have great numbers involved. It is an expectation that each and every student is involved in this day. We look forward to many parents coming along on this day to watch some high quality athletic prowess.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March will see a variety of throwing events take place. Students involved in these throwing events (Javelin and Discus) will be transported to the track on this day (morning) and compete in their particular event.

#### Term 1 Sport Dates

##### MARCH

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Volleyball (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs7&8 Girls)  
T-ball (Yrs 7&8 Girls)

Cricket (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)  
Tennis (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Northern Zone Swimming & Diving (Swan Hill)  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – WCB Athletics (Flora Hill Athletics Track)

### Weeroona College Bendigo Building Stronger Links Program

The Weeroona College Bendigo Building Stronger Links Program aims to engage youths in sport through community based sports organisations and clubs. The program is involved with many community sports groups within close proximity of the Weeroona College Precinct.

These Sporting groups include:

Bendigo YMCA Harriers

Bendigo Swimming Club

Bendigo Umpires Association

South Bendigo Football Club

Bendigo District Cycling Club

Sandhurst Weeroona Cricket Club

Bendigo District Cricket Association

The program also aims to share resources and ideas between members and ultimately enhance outcomes for the student body at Weeroona College Bendigo and partners involved in the program.



Any students or families who would like to become involved with any of the groups involved in the Building Stronger Links program should contact Mr. Shawn McCormick.



Shawn McCormick  
Sports Coordinator



### SRC MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Weeroona College Bendigo has entered a large team comprising of students, staff, family and friends into this year's Relay for Life.

We are aiming to raise more than \$2000 for this great cause, so Weeroona College Bendigo are hosting the Australian movie 'Bran Nue Dae' (starring Jessica Mauboy, Ernie Dingo, Missy Higgins and many more) at **Star Cinema Eaglehawk on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm**. Tickets are \$15 each and include the movie, lucky door prizes and supper. Drinks available from Star Cinema. Tickets **will not** be sold at the door. Please contact Weeroona College Bendigo office on 5443 2133 for tickets and more information.

### BARBARA'S SPACE

Hi everyone. The lovely weather over summer has made me think of the things that young people like to do in the summer, like bike riding, swimming, backyard cricket and hanging out with mates. All of which is great fun. In reality it is our love of the great outdoors – particularly while we are young – that puts us at greatest risk when it comes to skin cancer. At the moment Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. At the current rate one out of every two of us will develop skin cancer at some stage in our lives. That's half your class. Skin cancer is the result of

how we treat our skin when we are children and teenagers. So it is good to think about what we can do to protect ourselves.

Being Sunsmart everyday to protect your skin from the sun is easy. Everyone can take a few simple steps to reduce their chance of getting skin cancer. As a bonus there are other benefits as well, like fewer wrinkles, and freckles and more attractive skin.

Tips for being Sunsmart:

- The best way is to avoid getting sunburnt by staying out of the sun but this isn't always easy. Sometimes you can plan your day to avoid being out in the sun when UV levels peak; 10am-2pm or 11am-3pm during daylight savings time.
- Slip on a long sleeved shirt with a collar. Wear a loose shirt so you don't get hot and sticky and team it with something that covers most of your legs like pants, a skirt or long baggy shorts.
- Slap on a broad brimmed hat that shades not only your face but also your ears neck and shoulders as well.
- Slap on plenty of sunscreen before you head outside. Put it on 20 minutes before go to school or out for the day. Remember to take some with you so you can re apply it every two hours.

(Information is from the Anti Cancer Council)

*Barbara Semler*  
College Nurse

## STUDENT WELLBEING – UPCOMING PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

To help increase student awareness of issues affecting our wellbeing, 2 events have been organised for the near future. It is expected that all 7 – 10 students will attend both productions. There will be 3 screenings / performances of each production thereby enhancing the student's connection to the message and view. Parents' Club have generously offered to make a contribution on behalf of each student to help reduce the cost to families. (Please support their fundraising activities).

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March - Motivational Media** will be at the school with their presentation "True North". This is a multi screen presentation focussing on setting our life goals and ways to stay on track to help reach our dreams. **COST \$3.00**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - "Verbal Combat"** by Brainstorm Productions. This dramatic performance has as its central theme the very current issue of **Cyberbullying** and its impact on our lives. **COST \$3.00**

Students are asked to bring their money and pay it to their advisor in the week leading up to each production.

*Sue Bull*  
College Support Team Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Peppergreen Farm Community Festival

PepperGreen Farm Community Festival will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 from 10am - 3pm at PepperGreen Farm, 40-44 Thunder St, Bendigo. Come along to enjoy local sustainable stalls, workshops & presentations for adults & children. Entry is by gold coin donation. [www.bendigoecoliving.com.au](http://www.bendigoecoliving.com.au)



### ASCOT WHITE HILLS UNITED SOCCER CLUB

We are still accepting players from u/6's right through to u/13's...Fees are \$150.00 for the full season and no fundraising will be conducted from club families. \$5.00 discount for each additional child after 1st child has paid in full.

A fantastic end of year break up for the kids and their families includes free BBQ & trophy presentation, where all kids will receive a trophy, photo & certificate.  
CALL TODAY! 0450989618 Hayley Walden-Dickie

### White Hills Junior Football Club

White Hills Junior Football club are still seeking players in all age divisions. If you are interested please contact Ray Crittenden on 5446 3815 or Sherrill Whitehead on 5448 4857 or 0488644351

### Bendigo East Baseball Club

Bendigo East Baseball Club are holding a registration night on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2010 at the Ken Wust Oval in Quarry Hill. The Evening begins at 5.30 pm with a sausage sizzle provided and baseball activities. Bendigo Baseball competition commences on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. This season the Bendigo East Baseball Club will have teams in Under 10, 12,14, 16 and senior A & B grades.

Fees - Juniors begin at \$40 up to \$80, Seniors \$130. For further details contact Helen Aikman 54469619 or Gay Huggard 54412715

## WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

Telephone: 5442 1503

### Term 1 SHOP HOURS:

Mon - 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm      Thurs - 8.30 am – 12.00 pm  
Layby and EFTPOS facilities available. Some items of second-hand uniforms available.