

Contacts 2010

Personal Difficulties
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Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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Lunch: 11.46 am—12.34 pm

Recess: 1.47 pm—2.07 pm

Finish: 3.20 pm

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Monday—Thursday

8.15 am—4.15 pm

Friday

8.15 am—4.00 pm

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What's Happening Term 2....

Calendar

June

1st:: BDSCSC Cross Country Mitiamo

2nd:: Year 10 English / Science Exams

3rd:: Year 10 GAT Exam

3rd:: Year 8 Boys Football

4th:: Year 10 Humanities / Maths Exams

4th:: School Photo Catch-Up Day

9th:: Year 9 & 10 Boys Football

9th:: Parents' Club Meeting 9.15am—Conference Room

11th:: Reporting Day—No students required at school

14th:: Queens Birthday Holiday

16th:: Year 7 MSAC Melbourne Trip

18th:: Immunisations—Yr 7 Girls

19th—28th:: Yr 10 QLD Trip

21st:: College Council—7pm

21st—25th:: BIMP Music Week

21st—25th:: Year 10 Work Experience

25th:: Last Day of Term 2

July

12th:: 1st Day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ultraset goes 'live' at our school

Next month our school will login to the future with Ultraset, the new online system for schools. The Ultraset is a statewide secure site that teachers, parents/guardians and students can access via the internet. It will be rolled out in our school in two releases:

1. In Release 1, students and teachers will be able to collaborate using online tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion forums. Students will be able to create their own online learning portfolio and take part in online learning activities. Teachers will be able to access and share valuable online learning content across Victoria.
2. Release 2, with extra functionality, will be made available to all schools in late September. Towards the end of Term Three, parents/guardians will receive a user name, password and user manual, and from Term Four, you will be able to log on and see information about your child and our school. This information will build up over time, creating an ongoing record for each student. These records will travel with your child from year to year and school to school.

Between now and then, we will give you more information about the system and how you will be able to use it.

Our teachers will be learning to use the Ultraset over the next few months and will gradually bring it into the classroom for our students to use. We will inform you when students start to access the Ultraset.

Some basic privacy information about the Ultraset

The Ultraset is accessible to school staff, teachers, students and parents/guardians in Victorian government schools. It is a closed website that can't be accessed by anyone else on the internet.

The Ultraset will not store health or welfare information about your child. (Health or welfare information includes medical, behavioural, birthday or contact details.) In fact, the only personal information about your child in the Ultraset will be their name and school photograph (unless you notify the school and request the photograph is not used). All other information on the Ultraset about your child will be specific to their learning.

In Release 1, learning information about a student can be seen only by that student and teachers at our school. In Term Four, the parents/guardians of the individual student will then be able to see this information. This means that you can only see information about your own children, and teachers can only see information about students at their own school.

If you would like more information, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ultraset for further information.

Grade 6 Information Evening

Our Grade 6 information night was a huge success with approximately 160 parents and students attending. Transition coordinators Gary Schroeder and Sarah Smith who coordinated the evening were very pleased with the responses of parents to both the Year 7 program and the new buildings and are to be congratulated for their work. Lots of questions were asked and some parents were so impressed that they wanted to enrol themselves for 2011! It really is a great time for education with the

substantial investment being made to improve facilities for current and future generations.



Year 10 General Achievement Task

In 2010, all students in Year 10 at the four government 7-10 secondary schools in Bendigo will be completing a GAT or General Assessment Task. This task will be undertaken during the mid year exam period and is not a task that students will be expected to study for.

The task is a combination of multiple choice questions and writing tasks and will take students approximately 1½ hours to complete. The results will provide additional and very valuable information to help students and parents choose the most appropriate course in Years 11 and 12. This information will also help inform your son or daughters' teachers in Year 11 to enable them to develop a teaching and learning program that will assist each student to maximise their learning opportunities. Students will be given more information shortly.

Reporting and Assessment

Teachers will be beginning the process of making assessments for end of semester reports very soon. Already we are in week 6 with our assessment and exam period commencing Wednesday 2/6 and concluding on Thursday 10/6. It is a very important time for students when they need to demonstrate a high level of commitment to their work at school.

Our report writing and assessment day is Friday 11th June. This is a pupil free day that is aligned with most other state schools.

Leanne Preece
Principal

Students attending the Youth Corps camp on the Friday will do their Humanities / Maths exams on the Thursday and complete the GAT in the following week.

Please encourage your child to prepare themselves well for the exams –

- Complete revision sheets
- Complete a summary sheet for each subject
- Talk with your subject teachers about concepts you don't understand
- Get plenty of rest the night before
- Bring pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, calculators and a water bottle with you

Brian Edebohls

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Fighting

A reminder to parents and students that physical fighting is not allowed at the college. Fighting is viewed as assault and at times police have been involved.

Students are expected to ensure that their behaviour is socially acceptable and any fighting will result in a Weekend Detention or formal suspension.

The college has the right to make the decision as to the relevant consequences and students and parents are expected to be supportive in these instances.

Helen Tuohy
Assistant Principal

YEAR 10 EXAMS – WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE TO FRIDAY 4TH JUNE

The Year 10 exams are scheduled for the coming week. As well as exams in the four core subjects, English, Maths, Science and Humanities, there will be a GAT exam (General Achievement Task).

During the exam period, students are expected to be in full College uniform and are expected to attend College as normal.

The exams will be held in the new Performing Arts Centre.

The timetable is as follows –

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
WED 2 ND JUNE	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
THUR 3 RD JUNE	GAT	GAT		
FRI 4 TH JUNE	HUMANITIES	HUMANITIES	MATHS	MATHS

PATHWAYS UPDATE

Work Experience

Year 10 students are busy finalising paperwork for their upcoming Work Experience. Both copies of Work Experience Arrangement forms need to be signed by employers, students and parents and returned to Mrs Quarrier for processing no later than the 4th June. Most students will be placed during the week of Monday 21st June to Friday 25th June, and those attending the Queensland Camp will undertake their placement in their holiday break or at an agreed time later in the year. The range of host employers is very diverse this year.

Congratulations to the many students who had to challenge their comfort zone in acquiring a placement. Many had repeated knock backs before their persistence paid off. The process of approaching employers and speaking for themselves as potential employees is incredibly valuable for their future employment processes. Well done to all those who took on the challenge and have a placement organised.

Year 10 Experience La Trobe Day

On Thursday 8th July students from year 10 can check out University life at La Trobe University Bendigo campus. Year 10 students can select what they have a look at over 3 sessions throughout the day.

To register to attend you must go onto www.latrobe.edu.au/experience by 5th July or call 1300 135 045.

There is no cost for this event and students will need to go to La Trobe directly on the morning of the experience day.

Please take this opportunity if you are even thinking about University after year 12 as it may keep you focused on your goals over the VCE years.

See Mrs Quarrier for more details on the range of experience sessions running throughout the day. These are also listed on the web site.

Linda Quarrier
Pathways Coordinator



FRENCH ROCKS!

On Wednesday 19th May our Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a bilingual performance "L'Amour est Bizarre" by the "LOTE Theatre Fantastique" at the Marion Centre, in Bendigo.

The performance was dynamic, fun and engaging. The themes of friendship and fame were addressed in the dialogue and in the songs. As students had studied the songs in class, they enjoyed hearing them live. Students were also able to recognise many French phrases said by the actors. In question time after the play, students found out that both Australian actors had studied French right through High School and now made a living from their ability to speak another language. Once back at school, students had party pies followed by a chat with our French assistant, Loïc Francou.



Barbara Pelly
French Teacher

CYBERSAFETY

Earlier this month all year 7 – 10 students at our College had the opportunity to attend a play called "Verbal Combat". The play focused on the harm experienced by students as a result of verbal, physical and cyber bullying. Follow up classes were then held, including in year 7, 8 & elective health classes to further support the cybersafety messages.

In recent weeks there have been a number of incidents in the media which have reminded students, families and teachers of the need to follow safe behaviours when using a range of technologies including mobile phones and the internet. Some of the recommended safe strategies include:

- NEVER giving out personal details such as address to strangers or friends you only know online.
- Keeping computers in a public space at home e.g. lounge/ family room.
- Never say or do anything online or on a phone that you wouldn't be happy to share publicly.
- If unwanted behaviours or messages are received they should be saved and shown to a responsible and trusted adult.

For further information suggested reliable sites include www.thinkuknow.org.au and www.cybersmart.gov.au
Technology can be a wonderful tool as long as we know how to keep ourselves safe.

Sue Bull
C S T Coordinator

BARBARA'S SPACE

Hi everyone,

I have just been reading a book called "Raising Boys" by Steve Biddulph which I think is great. I thought I would include some information from it about the differences between boys and girls brains in today's letter. I want to make it clear this information does not mean that boys are better or worse than girls, just that there are differences. These differences are slight, they don't apply to every individual and also importantly we don't have to accept them as limitations.

The following sums up what you can do to help your boy be a "new kind of man":

Because boys often:

Are prone to separation anxiety ➔

Have testosterone surges making ➔ them sometimes argumentative and restless especially around age fourteen

Have growth spurts that make them ➔ vague and disorganised especially at age thirteen (this applies to girls too)

Have bursts of physical energy ➔ needing to be expressed

Have a need for a clear set of rules ➔ & knowing who is in charge

Have a more muscular body ➔

Have a predisposition to act first ➔ without thinking things through

These are just some suggestions. I hope they are helpful. Have a good week.

We need to:

Show them as much affection as we do girls, and avoid separations such as leaving them in childcare before the age of three.

Calmly guide them through conflicts – settle them down with reasoning, not yelling at or attacking them. Be clear that they need to show good manners always, and never use or threaten violence. Fathers need to be role models and insist that mothers are respected.

Get involved in organising them, teaching them systems for tidying rooms, doing housework, tackling school projects in small bites & having a routine.

Be sure to have lots of space and time for exercise & moving about.

Have a good, calm, orderly environment at home and school.

Specifically teach them not to hit or hurt others. Also teach them to use words to communicate.

Talk with them often in a friendly way about options, choices, ways to solve problems and what they can do in situations in their lives.

Barbara Semler
College Nurse

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

Friday the 14th May, WCB field teams in the BDSCSC Soccer carnival held at Epsom, all boys and girls involved in the day competed well and seemed to have an enjoyable day. Sadly both the boys and girls were defeated in the semi finals.



Special Thanks to James C, Josh D and Brenton H who gave up there time to help set up the pitches for the day's event. They also performed admirably in official duties throughout the course of the day. This was recognised by the association and they will be given a reward.



Intermediate Girls Soccer

The Year 9 & 10 girls travelled to the Epsom Sports Complex with a great deal of enthusiasm for the world game but only a couple of experienced players among the group. At the completion of four round robin matches the girls thoroughly deserved a third place ranking and were probably a little unlucky to not come away with runner up status behind soccer giants, Bendigo South East.

After dominating the opening fixture against Crusoe College, the girls came away with a 1-0 win courtesy of a coolly converted penalty by Whensday S.

The pace increased in the second match against Bendigo South East, who jumped the Weeroona team early and we were unable to recover. The 0-4 score line was not a bad result given the number of regular senior women's representatives in the opposition team. Kaitlyn Mc and Ally's running in the midfield was a highlight.

Game three was against a physical opponent in Eaglehawk, and despite having more possession than the opposition, a couple of decisions didn't go our way and an unlucky 1-2 loss ensued. Lil C's cracking second half goal was possible the best of the whole competition.

Our final game was against an inexperienced Girton line-up, who struggled to stop the Weeroona juggernaut, with the Popple twins running the flanks and leaving numerous confused defenders in their wake. The 2-0 win could have been more but for a couple of missed chances.

The spirit, teamwork and fair play shown by our girls were exemplary and I was proud to be a part of it. Thanks to those year 8 students who assisted with linesperson duties, particularly Jo H who acted as assistant coach.

Mr J. McIntosh

VCFL INTERLEAGUE CARNIVAL-SPORTS FORCE

Saturday the 22nd of May, a variety of students from Weeroona give up their Saturday to lend assistance at the interleague carnival that was held at the QEO.

The student's role throughout the course of the day was being water boys/water girls for the five games that were held over the course of the day. Each and every individual did a fantastic job, well done.



YEAR 9 / 10 SPORTS DAY BADMINTON

On Friday 14th May, 12 students represented the College in Badminton at the Bendigo Schools Sports Day.

The girl's team comprised Bree P, Sophie McE, Gab S, Caitlin M-G, Krystal McK and Dee R.

The boys competing were Matt B, Justin F, Kyle M, Nick W, Rhys I and Jesse H.

Though finishing out of the top three on the day, both teams played well, doing great credit to themselves and their college.

Brian Edebohls

TERM 2 SPORTS DAY 2010

Over the past 2 weeks, Weeroona College has been well represented by all year levels in Netball for the term 2 sports day. We played at the Golden City Netball Courts in Bendigo and a fantastic day was had by all with many girls showing a high level of netball ability. Congratulations to all players, who showed great discipline in all their games and a never-give-up attitude. A special thank you to our coaches and umpires: Sarah N, Alyssa K, Laura W, Georgina H, Mikaela A, Kaitlyn Mcl and Sherene P.

How we finished:

Year 7 A – 3rd Year 7 B – 5th

Year 8 A – 4th Year 8 B – 5th

Year 9 and 10 A – 3rd (by percentage) Year 9 and 10 B – 6th



The following students were involved in this day:

Grace C	Lily I	Lily C
Sarah N	Mitchell B	Brayden S
Toby L	Jesse F	Rhys I
Jesse H		

It is fantastic to see students prepared to give up their time to help out at community based events.

Upcoming Sports Dates

JUNE

Tuesday 1st June – Cross Country (Mitiamo- East Loddon)

Thursday 3rd June – Yr 8 Boys Football

Wednesday 9th June – Yrs 9 & 10 Boys Football

Thursday 17th June – Northern Zone Cross Country

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM

During Term 3 all Year 9 Humanities students will have the opportunity to obtain a TFN through the College. Year 10 students who missed this opportunity last year will be able to collect an application form from the General Office early on in Semester 2. If you need a TFN before this date please feel free to obtain an application form from your local post office or apply online.

Erin Pilkington
Humanities Coordinator

BENDIGO YMCA HARRIERS CROSS COUNTRY

Weeroona College Bendigo has been participating in the Bendigo YMCA Harriers Cross Country season over the past several Saturdays.

We have seen an increase in numbers as the season has progressed. Last Saturday we had many first time athletes to test out the Mandurang course.

This is a clipping of the results for our students from the Bendigo Advertiser on Thursday May 27th:

Ideal weather conditions and a challenging course greeted athletes in the John Buckell homes cross country events at Mandurang on Saturday.

The club has gained a number of new members this season, and was boosted again on Saturday through the efforts of Weeroona College Bendigo teacher Kristen Purden.

She brought the following students - Ashley T, Luke M, Leone S, Anthony H and Holly F - on the school bus joining fellow students and club members Brenton H and Matthew C all participating in the 3km event.

Results: Brenton H running from scratch in third place and fastest time for the men, with Matthew C in fourth place.

Brenton H 10.36; Matthew C 11.36; Ashley T 12.12; Ivan K 15.17; Luke M 13.51; Leone S 14.57; Kristen P 18.34; Anthony H 16.45.

Cross Country is open to everyone, it can be a sport the whole family can get involved in and it's your choice of the level of commitment and personal goals you want to achieve.

This Saturday's race will be at Emu Creek. New members welcome. The school bus leaves the college at 1.15pm and returns around 4.30pm.

Events are listed weekly on the Student Bulletin. All inquires see Ms Purden or Ivan Kitt.

WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

*****Please note the uniform shop has moved to the portable at the front of the school (far right)*****

Dobsons will only be able to accept CASH payments as they do not currently have Eftpos facilities set up and can no longer manually process credit card payments. Apologies for any inconvenience. Lay-by is available. Some second-hand uniform items are available.

Term 2 SHOP HOURS:

Mon - 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Thurs - 8.30 am – 12.00 pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL SESQUICENTENARY (150 YEARS) CELEBRATIONS

Come along. Bring the family. Meet old friends.

Visit the new school. Classrooms will be open. Walk around the school grounds. A varied program of events to suit all tastes and budgets

SATURDAY 12TH JUNE, 2010

11:00 am	Street Procession
12:00 noon	Official Welcome
12:30 pm	B-B-Q lunch will be available to purchase.
1:00pm	Tours of the school. View displays. Reminisce with friends and family. Photos taken – "Students of the Decades" etc. Activities for younger children on the oval.
2:30 pm	Introductions of past/present teachers & staff. Oldest student to return. Youngest student present. Student who travelled the furthest.
3:00 pm	Afternoon tea & the cutting of Birthday Cake.
8:00 pm	Supper Dance at Huntly Memorial Hall.

SUNDAY 13TH JUNE, 2010

10:00 am	Church Service – St Clement's Anglican Church, Huntly.
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Huntly Heritage Centre will be open from 11.00am.
FOR INQUIRIES OR TICKETS PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL ON 5448 8866.