

## Contacts 2010

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Jason Bysouth / Bree Franks

Merin (C Wing)  
Learning Community  
Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

Kappen (Library)  
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Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

Wannop (Hall)  
Learning Community  
Ron Llewelyn / Paul Ellis

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MLS Leigh Schroeter  
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MSM Shawn McCormick  
MTJ Therese Johnston  
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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 2....

### Calendar

#### June

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

14th:: Queens Birthday Holiday

16th:: Year 7 MSAC Melbourne Trip

18th:: Immunisations—Yr 7 Girls

18th:: SRC Out of Uniform Day

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

### Improving literacy and numeracy outcomes at Weeroona College Bendigo

Literacy and numeracy are essential foundation skills that allow young people to achieve at school, go on to further learning, and participate fully in society and work. Our staff and students are working hard to ensure that every student improves in both of these key areas and we are part of the Smarter Schools National Partnership for Literacy and Numeracy Program. The Federal Government is providing significant funding to support schools to assist improve teacher quality, boost literacy and numeracy. We are fortunate that we are a part of this.

At Weeroona College Bendigo, we have developed Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Plans and have teams in place overseeing this work. Our teachers are working with our learning and teaching coach and with each other in professional learning teams all aimed at making better use of our student data and developing learning plans for every student.

### Community Cabinet at Weeroona College Bendigo

This afternoon, Premier John Brumby and many of his ministers held Community Cabinet in our new A.T. Dingle Performance Building. Community Cabinet meetings are part of this governments' commitment to ensure close consultation with the Australian people on the things that concern them, whether they are national or local matters. These meetings give people in the community an opportunity to meet Cabinet members in person and ask questions directly about issues which are important to them.

Earlier in the day, School Council President Leanne Oberin and I, along with other Bendigo school principals and school council presidents, attended a luncheon with the Honorable Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Education, Skills and Workforce Participation.

Leanne Preece  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Immunisations

The next round of immunisations for Year 7 girls will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

### WCB- Whole School Excellence Program- Semester 2, 2010

Beginning next Semester a whole school Excellence Program is to be introduced to the whole college.

The program is being overseen by the college's Student Engagement & Wellbeing Group and the purpose is to reward student's for exemplary attendance, behaviour and uniform compliance. Other considerations may be built into the program as it progresses.

Students will be informed and the program discussed at their next Learning Community meeting.

The program is based around 4 levels-

- ✓ **Blank on Student ID**
- ✓ **Bronze**
- ✓ **Silver**
- ✓ **Gold**

Stickers on current Student ID Cards will denote levels.

### The four levels are- Blank on Student ID-

- For all Yr 7 students.
- For all new students.
- Locker organised.
- Has a Student Learning Journal.
- Has complete uniform.

### Bronze- Has-

- Developed an Individual Data Plan.
- Undergone On Demand testing- (if applicable).
- In their Student Learning Journal has- timetable entered, front page completed, goals written p13 & p60 (must have a literacy goal and a numeracy goal).

### Silver –

#### For one full Semester has-

- Attendance of over 98%.
- No RISC entries for any inappropriate behaviour e.g. lunchtime study sessions/weekend detentions/suspensions.
- Been in full uniform.
- One session per week is negotiated with your Learning Community Leader/Advisor. Must stay within school grounds.

### Gold-

#### For one full year has-

- Attendance of over 98%.
- No RISC entries for any inappropriate behaviour e.g. lunchtime study sessions/weekend detentions/suspensions.
- Been in full uniform.
- Two sessions per week is negotiated with your Learning Community Leader/Advisor. May 'sign in' or 'sign out' of school.

### Further considerations to the program include-

- ✓ Student ID cards- Yr 7s and new students must have as soon as possible. Other students will need to keep their student card from previous year until a new one issued.
- ✓ This is not the only reward system in school. Advisors and Learning Communities can still do 'their own thing.'
- ✓ When students do not maintain the requirements for a particular level for a Semester, they drop back a level.
- ✓ **Primary students- their model for Semester 2 to be around Attendance >98% only with a reward at end of Semester 2.**
- ✓ The aim will be to include submission of all assessment pieces in 2011 in line with Ultratnet capabilities.
- ✓ Legal responsibility re sign outs at Gold Level. Parents will be made aware and have to give formal approval.
- ✓ Silver & Gold level is not about Free Time. There will be no 'Free time.' How the student spends their time at Silver & Gold level is to be negotiated with the Advisor and/or Learning Community leader.

Helen Tuohey  
Assistant Principal



## FRENCH EXCURSION

### French Excursion to the Frederic McCubbin Exhibition "Last Impressions 1907-17"

Last Wednesday, Year 9 French students went into town for breakfast before going to the Art Gallery to see the works of one of Australia's greatest Artists, Frederick McCubbin. Students had researched French Impressionism in class and were able to recognise characteristics of this style of painting in McCubbin's work from this period. Students saw paintings of Williamstown, Richmond, Melbourne, South Yarra and Mount Macedon where McCubbin captured everyday scenes of country and city life. Students completed a French language trail prepared by our French assistant, Loïc Francou, who helped the students answer the questions. As very few patrons were at the Art Gallery on that morning, students were able to fully enjoy this wonderful collection of paintings.

*Madame Pelly*  
French Teacher

## PATHWAYS UPDATE

### Year 10 Experience La Trobe Day

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

## PARENTS' CLUB

### Slice Fundraiser

Thank you to all who placed orders. Parents' Club made a profit of \$253.00 with this fundraiser.

### Funds from Parents' Club

Funds were made available to reduce the costs to students who attended the 'Verbal Combat' and 'Motivational Media' performances.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to all the parents who helped in the search for and return of overdue library books. Your support was greatly appreciated and the books are now being enjoyed by other students.

## SRC

### Out of Uniform Day

Weeroona College will be having an out of uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The cost of students to be out of uniform is \$2, to be paid in Advisory. All money raised will go towards Weeroona College Bendigo's SRC where it will then go to help fund students going to the Vic SRC Congress 5 and local charities. Students MUST be dressed appropriately and wear the correct schools shoes on the day.

## 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



## MUSIC NEWS

BIMP (Bendigo Instrumental Music Program) Music week, at the Connect Church, is fast approaching. 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. We encourage all our music students to attend this magnificent musical event. A concert at the venue will conclude the week's activities, starting at 7.30pm, Thursday evening. Participating students will receive 2 tickets prior to the concert. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

Entry forms are available from the Performing Arts office or please ring the College for more information.

Congratulations to our Junior band and Senior band members who gave wonderful performances at the recent Bendigo competitions. Both bands were awarded certificates of silver standard, a plaque and ribbons for the students. There were many excited students on the day.

*Below are some members of the junior band.*



## BARBARA'S SPACE

Hi everyone. I thought the following would bring a smile to most parents ☺ - enjoy the following -

### Adolescent -bedrooms a disaster or what?

The age-old dilemma, the jungle that often is your adolescents' bedroom – I can feel the shudders and hear the groans as I write this. I love the following, which I found in Andrew Fullers book "Raising real people", enjoy ☺ –

One mother has discovered a fail-safe method for dealing with her adolescents' bedrooms. What you do is devilishly simple.

- First clean the bedroom once. Once! Make it spotless.
- Then take a photo of the spotless bedroom in all its glory.
- Then take it down to a developer with a special deal on poster-sized photos.
- Bring the poster sized photo home and stick it to the outside of the bedroom door.
- Close the door and pretend that is what it looks like.

(If you like, before – and – after shots on the door can make a nice touch).

## CLEANLINESS

Definition:

By parent: Bed made. Clothes in laundry basket and folded in wardrobe. Plates and food returned to kitchen.

By Adolescent: Bed covered. Clothes stuffed in drawers or left on the floor ready for next use. Food supplies and emergency rations near to hand.

With all the madness that life can bring – often when you think about it there are far more important things to make issues of with your adolescent than their bedrooms – and what I find amazing is how clean and looked after their rooms become when they eventually have a place of their own. So at least we know that they won't be like this forever.

*Barbara Semler*  
College Nurse

## SPORTS NEWS

### State Diving Representative

Congratulations to Billie R, who has gained a spot in the Victorian Secondary schools state diving squad (VSSSA). A fantastic achievement by Billie and we wish her all the best for the upcoming event. Billie will represent WCB at the National school championships to be held in Brisbane in July.



### Bill Turner Cup

Last Thursday saw the Weeroona boys take on Bendigo South East in the first round of the Bill Turner Cup held at the Epsom Soccer Reserve. The WCB were in an attacking mood from the outset with Harry Whittle driving home a fantastic header from a corner in the first 3 minutes. Harry followed up this effort with a fantastic strike which saw Weeroona two goals up at half time.

The Weeroona team worked tirelessly in the second half with James C and Josh D working very hard to stem Bendigo South East's attacks. Riley H was also dangerous with his capacity to cut lines and control the ball under pressure. With two minutes to play Bendigo South East scored. The last 2 minutes saw the ball

constantly in Bendigo South East's half, but the Weeroona defence held up superbly. The final whistle saw Weeroona winning 2-1.

This was a great result for the schools soccer program, considering that BSE finished 6<sup>TH</sup> in this nationwide tournament last year. Weeroona fielded a team which consisted of 9 boys who can play in this tournament over the next 3 years. A fantastic achievement. A great result from all involved. Well done. The next round will take place in mid May.

### Year 7, 8, 9 Girls Football

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April saw the BDSCSC girl's football competition take place at the Strathfieldsaye Football complex. The structure of the day was a round robin competition with the girls involved in 4 games throughout the course of the day. The girls were simply superb all day, and in reality they were never ever challenged in any game.

The tenacity in relation to tackling, defensive efforts and strong kicking skills were a feature of the team throughout each match. Sarah N, Grace C, Lily I, Kaitlyn M and Keeley H were standout performers for the Weeroona team throughout each game.

Round 1- Weeroona 4.7.31 defeated Crusoe 0.1.1

Round 2- Weeroona 2.6.18 defeated Girton 1.0.6

Round3- Weeroona 4.5.29 defeated BSE 1.2.2

Round 4 Weeroona 8.11.59 defeated Eaglehawk 0.2.2

Over the day Weeroona kicked a combined total of 18.29.137 to the oppositions 1.5.11. As these scores indicate a dominant performance by the Weeroona Girls.

Weeroona will now go onto the Northern Zone Football Competition held in Swan Hill on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> July.



### BDSCSC CROSS COUNTRY- MARONG

On Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June a number of Weeroona College Bendigo Students; seven to ten attended the BDSCSC Cross Country carnival held at Marong Recreation Reserve. All students competed and represented the college in a very fine manner. Students competed in exceptional form, resulting in two 1<sup>st</sup> places, three 2<sup>nd</sup> places and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Great effort done by all! A variety of students will now compete in the Northern Zone Finals to be held at St Arnaud on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Results:

**12/13 boys**

Robert B 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dylan H 14<sup>th</sup>  
Jake R 15<sup>th</sup>

**14 boys**

Matthew C 1<sup>st</sup>  
Josh D 11<sup>th</sup>  
Brady C 17<sup>th</sup>  
Kyle P 18<sup>th</sup>

**15 boys**

Brenton H 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Corey M 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ashley T 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jesse H  
Max S

**16 boys**

Rhys I 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Declan S 4<sup>th</sup>  
Marcus K  
Jordan F  
Matt B

**12/13 girls**

Ruby C 6<sup>th</sup>  
Brooke D 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chelsea H 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Laura C 24<sup>th</sup>

**14 girls**

Jenna W 6<sup>th</sup>  
Cody M 12<sup>th</sup>  
Rachel T  
Zoe M

**15 girls**

Tori B 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lily I 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah N 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sherene P

**16 girls**

Shelley T 1<sup>st</sup>  
Whensday S 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sophie M  
Georgia H  
Melissa G

**Upcoming Sports Dates**

**JUNE**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Northern Zone Cross Country

**JULY**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – VSSSA Cross Country  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Northern Zone Country Football

*Shawn McCormick*  
**Sports Coordinator**

**WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS**

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

**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. 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

**The Uniform Shop will be closed Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Queens Birthday Long Weekend.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**IS BENDIGO DISABILITY FRIENDLY?**

**RIGB – Regional Information Group Bendigo**

Make yourself heard! Come to a public forum on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Bendigo Town Hall. Drop in between 9.30am – 2pm. A guest speaker will make a brief address at 10am. Volunteers will be on hand. Confidentiality, anonymity respected.

There will be a follow up meeting at the Bendigo Town Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October to advise the community of our findings and the progress made to date.

Freecall – 1800 221 944

Phone – 5443 0550 (TTY)

Email – [bendigo@riac.org.au](mailto:bendigo@riac.org.au)

What is RigB? It is a pilot programme developed by the Regional Information & Advocacy Council (RIAC) for people and their families and carers living with long term or permanent health conditions.

RigB & RIAC are not affiliated to any existing disability support organisation in Bendigo. RigB will independently identify and collect information about the specific issues affecting people living in the Greater Bendigo Community.

It will pass on information to RIAC (formerly The Council for the Disabled) who will advocate on the community's behalf with the appropriate organisations concerned.

RigB will be an ongoing presence in Bendigo, and people who are unable to attend the public forum in June will be able to contact us at anytime.



**Bill Turner Soccer Day**

On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May I had the chance to play in the Bill Turner soccer match in Wodonga against Wodonga Catholic High School. It was a great day but sadly we lost 5-0, but that doesn't matter as we tried our best and showed on the field, not as much on the scoreboard.

We had a lot of players who stood out. One above all James played the best game I had ever seen him play before. He helped out in the attack and doubled and back to help in the defence. He definitely made his presence known. Riley, Josh, S, Nyot, Adrian and our fantastic goal keeper, Rowan played a great game along with our other team mates.

The game was going our way for about 15 minutes, we looked like we would score at any moment, but sadly that was not the case. However, we did keep the ball down the attack end and put them under pressure.

By the end of the day we could hold our heads up high, not because we lost but because we tried our best and that was all we could do. They were just better on the day.

*By Corey P*