

Contacts 2011

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull / Karen Dale
Chaplain: Carl Rusbridge
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Absences: (03) 4433 4911

Katylil
Learning Community
Jason Bysouth / Bree Franks

Merin Learning Community
Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

Kappen
Learning Community
Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

Wannop
Learning Community
Monica White / Paul Ellis

Advisory Teachers:
Merin MCE Christine Edgar
MCH Christine Henty
MCT Christine Toose
MHP Helen Peppink
MJS Jean Stephens
MKD Karen Dale
MLS Leigh Schroeter
MRJ Ron James/Leanne
Miller (Fridays)
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston

Katylil LBM Bettina Morrison/Kirsty
Seipolt (Wednesdays)
LCJ Carolyn Jones
LCN Chris Novak
LDA Dianne Andrea
LGD Geoff Dempster
LJG Jaime Gray
LJM Jill McKenzie
LMA Mark Adams
LMR Matthew Reeves
LSB Sue Bull
LTL Tim Lawrance/Bree
Franks (Mondays)

Wannop WBL Ben Lee
WDC David Crowley
WVG Michelle Griffin
WKP Kristen Purden
WMH Meryl Hayes
WRL Ron Llewelyn
WRJ Raelene Jeffrey
WSS Sarah Smith
WTC Tarli Capicchiano
WTL Tracey Lee
WQU Linda Quarrier/Monica
White (Fridays)
WCN Chloe Neath

Kappen KAA Alan Aylward
KAS Amanda Southcombe/
Sue Pollard (Mondays)
KBE Brian Edebohls
KDS Debbie Shipp
KEP Erin Pilkington
KGS Gary Schroeder
KJG James Ginnivan
KJM John McIntosh
KMM Madeleine Munger/
Trent Bysouth (Fridays)
KMS Marion Stewart
KPO Paul O'Shea
KRC Ryan Currie
KSH Stephen Hocking

School wide issues, emergencies etc

Principal:
Leanne Preece

Assistant Principal:
Helen Tuohey

Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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School Times:

Start: 9.00am

Lunch: 11.46am—12.34pm

Recess: 1.47pm—2.07pm

Finish: 3.20pm

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8.15am—4.00pm

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What's Happening Term 3....

Calendar

July

31st:: Bendigo Senior Secondary College Open Day—BSSC from 11am—3pm

August

1st:: College Council—7.00pm

September

5th:: College Council—7.00pm

23rd:: Last day of Term 3, 2.30pm Dismissal

October

10th:: First day of Term 4

November

7th:: College Council—7.00pm

December

5th:: College Council—6.30pm

22nd:: Last day of Term 4

Absence Line: 4433 4911

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Last phase of our New School Building Program

We are now in the third and final phase of our building program which has us no longer occupying any of the original school. Ron Llewelyn and his team are to be thanked for the mammoth task, over past weeks, of ensuring that everything that needed to be moved or removed has been done. Acknowledgement also to the Eaglehawk Rotarians who have spent many hours preparing items of furniture and building materials to be shipped to East Timor. A huge amount of work from all involved and thank you to all staff that have assisted.

It has been a great time for us moving into the new Merin Learning Community and our gymnasium as well as getting Katyl students and staff and the admin staff settled into the portable buildings situated along Napier Street whilst the remaining two buildings are built.

An obvious part of the third phase of our building program is the demolition of the old buildings. As these buildings do contain small amounts of asbestos, this is currently being removed. A reminder to you all that there is no cause for concern with this process. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has strict guidelines regarding the demolition and disposal of asbestos which are more stringent than what Work Safe require.

The builders have given us assurances that the following precautions are being taken:

- the asbestos removalists are licensed asbestos removers
- the asbestos removers are required to submit a control plan to Work Safe that meets the removal and disposal guidelines and this was completed and submitted well in advance of the removal beginning
- only authorized personnel have access to the site
- there is air monitoring set up around the perimeter of the site
- there are a number of security systems in place to manage the safe removal of the asbestos

Parents and all visitors to our school are asked to report to the Office area which is clearly signed for you and can be found opposite the portable canteen. A reminder that you all had a map clearly outlining the office and all other buildings, posted out to you at the end of last term and this is also on our website.

I also want to acknowledge the fantastic work of our builders. They have been really supportive with this latest move and we are really happy with their work. A special mention to Tim our site manager and to John our project manager for overseeing our project.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

Absence Line

Please note the phone number to directly call the college absence line (to leave a message) is **4433 4911**.

College Newsletter

Our College newsletter is available on the college website www.weeroona.vic.edu.au on Friday's fortnightly. We will send a reminder SMS out to families who have given a mobile number each fortnight. Printed copies are available at the office for any families that do not have access to the internet.

Leaving the College

Students who need to leave the College during the day MUST bring a note signed by a Parent / Guardian to their child's Learning Community Leader or Parents can phone the College to give permission for their child to leave.

It is now a DEECD requirement that when picking up a student from school that identification be shown i.e. Drivers licence. This will be completed at the General Office. Please understand that this is now a directive of the Department of Education for schools, for the protection of your children.

Late Arrivals

If students come late to school, they MUST sign in at the GENERAL OFFICE. They should have a note signed by a Parent / Guardian or a Parent can phone the college letting us know their child is late; **otherwise** they will be marked 'late unexplained' and you will receive a text message from the college.

PARENTS' CLUB

Next Meeting

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the Wannop Learning Community on Wednesday the 10th of August at 9.15am. Monica White one of the community leaders will be our guest speaker at this meeting.

All college parents and guardians welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

Brick BBQ/Selkirk Named Pavers

The Parents Club main focus this year will be the construction of a brick BBQ in the college grounds with the area surrounding to be landscaped with the Selkirk named pavers that have been purchased by past and present students and staff. The opportunity still exists to purchase a named paver for \$30. The order form can be downloaded from the college website.

2011 Committee - President Kym Blume, Secretary Joanne Kingdon, Treasurer Gay Huggard. Ph 54412715

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

REMINDER for EMA applications for 2nd instalment are due on Friday 5th August, 2011. – The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (18th July). The EMA application must be submitted to the college by **FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST, 2011** for the second payment.

Please note if you completed an EMA application for the 1st instalment this year, you do not need to apply again for the 2nd instalment, 2011.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications for Conveyance Allowance should be lodged at the college no later than **FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST 2011**. Students who reside more than 4.8km **RADIALLY** from Weeroona College Bendigo or their nearest bust stop **may** be eligible. For more information go to:

www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/traveltoschool.htm

Parents who have applied in previous years and have not changed their address **do not** need to reapply again. We would like to pay parents by direct deposit. If you have previously applied for Conveyance Allowance, please notify the office or email weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au with your BSB and Account numbers.

Those who enrolled an additional sibling at the college will need to lodge an application for that student. Application forms are available at the General Office. Application forms need to have a map attached and marked also.



DEBUTANTE BALL 2011

The dance instructors, Ian, Susan, Neil & Deanne are pleased with the progress the students are making; only having had 2 lessons the students have already learnt 6 dances.

We have approx. 33 Debutantes and partners participating in this year's Debutante Balls.

The Debutante Balls will be held on the 9th & 10th September at Strathdale Hall, Crook St.

Beth McKerlie
Coordinator

COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM

Wanted

If you have any unwanted uniforms at home we would be glad to take them off your hands. Please leave any unwanted items at the General Office.

Energy Drinks

In Australia, the consumption of energy drinks is increasing rapidly. What are of concern are the high levels of caffeine. Some energy drinks contain more than twice the caffeine content of cola drinks. The fact that energy drinks are being drunk as if they are soft drinks or water is also of major concern.

Why are young people consuming so much of energy drinks?

It is becoming "cool" to drink energy drinks. Many young adults consume energy drinks before or during sporting events or school activities as they believe that the drink will increase their energy levels. Some people are even consuming these drinks before "going out" or when they are working in order to "get a lift".

Energy drinks and your health.

Daily use of caffeine in low to moderate doses does not appear to produce any harmful effects. Substantial daily doses – and in some people even as little as 250 mg per day can lead to unpleasant effects such as:

- Restlessness
- Nervousness
- Insomnia
- Flushed face
- Increased urination
- Stomach upsets
- Muscle twitching

Fatal overdose with caffeine is extremely rare, but it is possible.

Please remember, "**Energy drinks are not sports drinks**. Sport drinks are designed to maximize hydration and they do have some carbohydrates to help with energy levels but they *do not* contain caffeine. My concern is that people, particularly young people, will think they are like a health drink or sports drink when, in fact, they're neither."- Karen Inge, consultant dietitian, The Age, May 2, 2001.

Things to consider next time you or your child drink energy drinks:

1. Are you concerned about your child's sugar intake? Some energy drinks contain high amounts of sugar (equal to 5 teaspoons per 250ml can).
2. Will the drink enhance your child's wellbeing? There is little (if any) evidence of nutritional value in most energy drinks. Fresh fruit and vegetables and water are a much better option.
3. How old is your child? Older children and young people should be careful. The human brain continues to grow up to about age 16 (some say age 21). We know caffeine can affect a growing brain, but we don't as yet, know how.

The Australian Consumer's Association advises that whilst there is no specific scientific evidence to prove energy drinks are unsafe, young people need to be aware of their contents. Excessive caffeine intake **SHOULD BE AVOIDED!**

From The School Welfare Team (Sarah, Karen, Carl & Sue).

SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 & 10 Boys Football Carnival

Thursday 21 July saw the year 9 and 10 boy's football team journey to Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve to compete in the Sandhurst Division Football Carnival.

The WCB team competed strongly throughout the course of the day. The team played the games in the correct spirit, and with a bit of luck could have won more games. Ultimately the Weeroona team won one of their three games played.

Congratulations to Nathan Jennings who received the best player medal for the Weeroona team. Other players to perform well for Weeroona on the day included Harry W, Mitchell W, Brad M and Corey D.

State Cross Country

Last week saw four students represent the college at the School Sport Victoria Cross Country event staged at Bundoora. Bailey E, Ashley T, Tori B and Matthew C all competed well in their individual event. Congratulations to these four individuals, it is a fantastic effort to make the State Finals. Well done. A special thank-you to Miss Kris Purden who has done a terrific job with the WCB Cross Country squads in 2011.

Primary School Football Carnival

Wednesday 27th July saw the Sandhurst Primary Division Football carnival take place at Catholic College Bendigo. The day is extremely big with over 45 Primary schools from the region competing. Over the past five years we have had students from Weeroona College Bendigo assisting in the organising and umpiring throughout the course of the day. This year has been no exception. Congratulations to the 30 students who provided assistance throughout the carnival. Your effort and application was excellent on the day. Well done to all who were involved.

UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

Monday 8th August - Netball Championship

Thursday 11th August – Yr 7 & 8 Sports Day
(Table Tennis/Hockey/Basketball)

Monday 11th August – Clay Target Shooting Competition

Thursday 15th September – Yr 9 & 10 Sports Day
(Table Tennis/Hockey/Basketball)

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

Please Note: The Uniform Shop is now in the portable opposite the school canteen.

Phone: 4433 4947

Term 1 SHOP HOURS:

Mon - 2.00pm – 5.00pm Thurs - 8.30am – 12.00pm

Lay-by and Credit Card facilities available. Some items of second-hand uniforms available.

PARTNERS-IN-PRINT EVENING

"Time for Talking"

Parents and Students: Grade 6 and Year 7

Wannop Learning Community

Wednesday 3rd August 2011, 7.00 to 8.15pm

Grade 6 and Year 7 students and their parents and families are invited to another Partner-In-Print evening at Weeroona College's Wannop Community on Wednesday 3rd August to learn strategies to help students improve their speaking and listening skills.

There will be four stations:

- Etiquette (telephone);
- Traveling in the car (vocabulary games);
- Talking about Television;
- Dinner Dialogue.

All welcome!

Ms C. Toose
Literacy Coordinator

Mrs L. Ryan
Literacy Coach

BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY – Sunday 31st July, 2011 from 11am-3pm

A leader in senior education; the college provides an individualised program to meet the needs of all students.

This is a great opportunity to plan your child's program for 2012 and to:

- Speak with the staff from all areas of the college including Careers, as well as representatives from Tertiary providers;
- Visit different areas of the college, including the new language Centre & Trade Training Centre;
- Hear more about the new online enrolment process;
- Meet with a Student Coordinator to discuss the process for enrolment for 2012;
- Attend an Information Session in the JKH at 1pm, presented by the Principal: Dale Pearce, in which he will discuss how a program is constructed at BSSC;
- Receive a package of information about the college.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bendigo TAFE Open Day

Open Day – Sunday 28th August, 2011

For more information visit: www.bendigotafe.edu.au

Latrobe University Open Day 2011

Melbourne	7 th August
Shepparton	12 th August
Mildura	14 th August
Aulbury-Wodonga	21 st August
Bendigo	28 th August

www.latrobe.edu.au/openday ph: 1300 135 045

TUTORING FOR STUDENTS

Each year La Trobe University receives hundreds of private tutoring requests from schools and parents looking for La Trobe students to tutor their children. In response to these requests, we would like to provide the following information regarding La Trobe services for your dissemination into school newsletters, or other appropriate communications to parents.

La Trobe University Melbourne is an internationally recognised leading research university with campuses in Melbourne, Bendigo, Shepparton, Albury/Wodonga and Mildura, offering 450 undergraduate and postgraduate courses across five faculties. The University has an official web-based jobs search facility called CareerHub, which provides a single site for all students and new graduates seeking employment.

Prospective employers are able to register onto [CareerHub](#) to advertise tutoring, vacation, part-time or casual job opportunities free of charge. All advertised positions are then available to some 42730 enrolled students.

If your school would like access to our first class tutors, or perhaps babysitters, simply go to the website at: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/careers/employers/tutoring.html> and follow the instructions to register and advertise. The site also includes tips on suggested pay rates and important information.

If you have any additional questions, or require assistance please contact Career Development Centre on phone 9479 1373 or via email at careers@latrobe.edu.au.

Student Enrichment

La Trobe University | Bundoora VIC 3086
T: 03 9479 1373 | F: 9479 1898

Seasons for Growth

Change, loss and grief happen to everyone. Sometimes it hurts. Seasons for Growth can help.

Seasons for Growth is a program designed to help children who have experienced significant change such as loss, death, family breakdown or other change that has had an impact. It aims to assist by normalising the emotions associated with loss, developing a peer support network and helping to restore self-confidence and self-esteem.

When: Tuesday afternoons starting 2nd August until
20th September (8 Consecutive weeks).
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Where: CentreCare, 65 Baxter Street, Bendigo
Cost: \$15
Companion: Narelle Williams

For bookings and enquiries contact Narelle Williams on 5438 1300 or email: narelle.williams@centrecareandhurst.org.au

Monday Ladies Netball Association

Ladies are you interested in playing netball on a Monday morning? Our competition offers an opportunity for all levels of netball playing ability. Teams or individuals welcome. Free creche provided.

For more information please contact Marge Lowery on 54437379