What’s Happening Semester 2....

Calendar

**September**
23rd:: Last day of Term 3, 2.20pm Dismissal

**October**
10th:: First day of Term 4
26th:: Bendigo Cup Day Holiday (no school)

**November**
7th:: College Council—7.00pm
23rd:: Year 7 Boys & Girls Immunisations
23rd & 24th:: Year 10 Exams
25th—30th:: Year 10 BSSC Transition Day

**December**
1st & 2nd:: Year 10 BSSC Transition Day
5th:: College Council—6.30pm
6th:: 2012 Year 7 Transition Day
22nd:: Last day of Term 4

**Absence Line**: 4433 4911
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Building Progress

Anyone who has been into our school this term will realise that we are no longer in any part of the original school buildings and that these are slowly being demolished to make way for the new Katyil Learning Community and the Think and Inquire Building which will consist of the library (Global Learning Centre), the hospitality kitchen, canteen, multi media studio and general office administration area. This term we moved into Merin Learning Community and our Fitness, Health and Wellbeing building and everyone has been enjoying using these new facilities.

As a part of this next stage, Katyil Learning Community, the office administration staff, Assistant Principal Helen Tuohey and myself are in the portables adjacent to Napier Street. I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for your patience and support while we are in these temporary facilities. This final stage of our new school build will be completed late in 2012.

Mid semester reports

Mid semester reports are being mailed out to you on Friday and I remind you that this is an opportunity to have a discussion with your child/children about their learning progress for second semester and please ensure that you follow up any queries or concerns with your child’s teachers.

WCB Students showcase school-made video games to major industry players.

Congratulations to six of our students: Brad H, Michael F, Matthew C, Justin F, Ryan F and Bradley P who were amongst groups of students from 12 primary and secondary schools who showcased their school-made computer games in Melbourne last Friday to developers responsible for hit digital games played by millions of people across the world. Education Minister Martin Dixon said the games created by students at seven government primary schools and five secondary schools as part of a games-based learning project would impress industry professionals.

Students presented their games to industry heavyweights including Firemint Studios, Big Ant Studios and The Voxel Agents. Big Ant created PlayStation and Xbox hits AFL and Rugby League Live, Firemint was responsible for top rating iPhone and iPod games Flight Control (which has more than two million downloads), Real Racing and Spy Mouse, and The Voxel Agents created App Store hits Train Conductor and Dolphin Hero.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to impress the main players in the games industry with the high-quality games they have developed over this year,” Mr Dixon said. “I'm as eager as the industry representatives to try my hand at the games the students have created. It's great to see students making and playing games, and learning at the same time.”

Our students created their game as part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Games-Based Learning research trials in conjunction with their teacher Mr James Ginnivan. During game creation, students identified the core elements of game-making, including creating a quality storyline and mastering the use of story-writing, creating rules and levels, and how to best use language. “Through this program, students have been learning key literacy, language and technical skills in a fun, stimulating, creative and interactive way,” Mr Dixon said.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

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.
BENDIGO STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS
COMBINED ART SHOW 2011

Tuesday, 13th September was the official opening of the Annual Combined Schools Art Show, held in McGillivray Hall, BRIT. Once again Weeroona College was well represented with work exhibited including: Ceramics, Photography, Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and Visual Communication. Our students are to be congratulated on the high quality and diversity of their work. It is pleasing to see that we have so many budding artists in our College.

The Art Show was opened by Tony Conway, a Visual Arts lecturer from La Trobe University. He praised all participants, but made special mention of work presented by Connor A, Toby M and Ruby C. However, the overall winner for our school was Emily N. Emily’s dramatic drawing of Marilyn Manson showed skilful use of tone and an individual style. This is the second year in a row that Emily has won this award. Congratulations on your achievements, Emily.

The Schools Runway Consortium Show is just around the corner. It’s time for students to start putting their name down to take part in this amazing event. There is also a chance in getting the following:

- Opportunity to contribute to a significant student event
- Prestige seating
- Goodie bag with vouchers/product give always
- Beverage
- Business name included in program, if applicable.
- Program
- DVD package mailed out of Runway Show.

By purchasing a $250.00 VIP seat you are supporting our fashion and design students to professionally display their work and gain valuable industry type experience. Your contribution will assist the Consortium team to deliver a professional event with significant scholarship opportunities for our regional students. Money raised from the event will go directly back to the school communities in the form of scholarships that the students are able to be awarded. Contact the General Office to make your payment.

This is a picture of what the catwalk is planned to be like on the night.

For more information on this event please contact Leanne Preece, Principal or Ms Munger, Textile teacher.
SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations
Congratulations to Karly M who came equal first (23 votes) in the Heathcote District Football League Best and Fairest count. Karly plays for the White Hills Netball Club and obviously had an exceptional season. Karly displays ability in a wide range of sports and she has produced excellent results in relation to college based sport. Well done Karly.

Finals Time
It has been great to see so many students from Weeroona College Bendigo involved in community based sport in a variety of sports. Well done to all involved. Also congratulations to the numerous staff who have also been involved in community based final series.

Year 9/10 Table Tennis – Bendigo Schools sports day
On Thursday 15th September Weeroona College Bendigo participated in the BDSSA Table Tennis competition for Year 9 / 10 students. The College teams competed strongly all day but were eventually outclassed by better teams on the day. Congratulations to the team members for the spirit and competitiveness they showed throughout all matches. Both teams finished sixth after the final round robin events were completed.

Team members
- Alice G, Natalie J, Bridie Lyle, Monique H
- Connor B, Damien S, Corey McK, Tyson H

Year 9 and 10 Interschool basketball sports
Last week Weeroona College Bendigo participated in the Year 9/10 boys and girls basketball tournament held at the Bendigo Stadium. Both the boys and girls finished 5th overall. The boys team started the day off with a narrow 2 point loss to Eaglehawk. After that game the boys found their feet and produced some great basketball, playing as a team lead by Mitch T and Brodie J. Mitch T dominated most of the games drawing a lot of attention from the other teams which let Shannon T show some of his skills on the fast breaks. Overall the boys team started off slow but came through with a huge win over East Loddon and some close losses to the more talented schools of Girton, BSE and CCB. The girls, also like the boys, started the day a little bit flat. However the likes of Sarah N, Amy K and Kaitlyn Mcl got the team going and tasted success with a hard fought win followed by a close loss to Girton just before lunch. The girls and boys all competed at a very high level along with great sportsmanship, proudly representing Weeroona College Bendigo. Well done and keep up the great work both teams.

Brian Edebohls

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 13th October
Loddon Mallee Region (formerly Northern Zone) Athletics Carnival - (Latrobe University Athletics Complex, Flora Hill)

Friday 14th October
Yr 9 & 10 Super 8’s Cricket (Boys & Girls)- Biesher Park

Friday 21st October
Yr 7 & 8 Super 8’s Cricket (Boys & Girls)- Biesher Park

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

MATHS- LEARN IT, LIVE IT

Get into the habit of seeing mathematics everywhere you look. If you don’t do this, how can you expect your children to do so? Lead by example. Instead of sitting in front of the television tonight worrying about work tomorrow, focus your mind on one or two objects and tell yourself all the mathematics that you can think of related to those objects as I did with the window earlier. Don’t limit yourself to mathematics that your children may be able to understand – really let rip and cover every level you are able to handle. If you are really keen you can write it all down in note form.

A friendly tip from the Numeracy Improvement Team at WCB

CONGRATULATIONS TO BENDIGO YOUTH CHOIR

Congratulations to Georgia W-J, Natalie J and former Weeroona College Bendigo student’s, Kayla K and Olivia J and the Bendigo Youth Choir.

Having entered the two prestigious Championship Choral events in Ballarat on Sunday 7th September, they received 1st Prize and a Perpetual Trophy in the Young Award and a 2nd placing in the City of Ballarat Championship, losing by only 1 point to a choir which was a deserving winner. Next year the Bendigo Youth Choir will be travelling to Cincinnati, Ohio U.S.A to compete in the 2012 World Choir Games which are held every 4 years in a different country.
Weeroona College Bendigo Production of
“SHEERLUCK HOLMES”
“A Musical”

7:30pm at A T Dingle Performing Arts Centre,
Weeroona College Bendigo.

**Performance Dates:**
**Matinee: For schools on Monday 31st Oct**

**Opening night:** 7:30pm Tuesday, 1st November
7:30pm Wednesday, 2nd November
7:30pm Thursday, 3rd November
7:30pm Friday, 4th November

**Tickets:** Adults $10.00, Students & Pensioners $5.00.

Approximately 70 students are involved in the production and have been rehearsing for a period of 20 weeks. These actors, singers and dancers wish to cordially invite you to attend a performance on one of the evenings above and enjoy the energy and excitement of their performance.

This musical is from Maverick Musicals and is set within the framework of Late Victorian England. It is a send up of the great detective and the bumbling Watson, his assistant. It takes you on a journey through the foggy, dark humour of this murder mystery. Virginia Huntington Smythe invites Sheerluck Holmes to solve the murder of her father, Cecil Huntington Smythe. Sheerluck visits the spooky Greystone Manor in Dartmoor for the reading of the will and he meets the other members of the family. All is not what it appears. Who killed her father and why? It is an exciting “Who Done It” mystery.

We look forward to seeing you all at “Sheerluck Holmes”. Tickets can be purchased from the General Office.

Over the next few newsletters we will profile the main characters of “Sheerluck Holmes”.

**Student name:** Riely W  
**Year Level:** 9  
**Character:** Sheerluck Holmes

**Why did you want to be in this production?**  
I love acting.

**Describe your character?**  
Idiotic genius; sleuth, private eye and detective.

**What do you enjoy most about the production?**  
Meeting new friends.

**What is your favourite song from the production?**  
“Kung Fu Peril”.

**Student name:** Laura W  
**Year Level:** 9  
**Character:** Inspector Metre Chairman

**Why did you want to be in this production?**  
I wanted to try something new.

**Describe your character?**  
Inspector Metre is stoic, fierce and tough. Chairman is flamboyant & fun.

**What do you enjoy most about the production?**  
The companionship and the fact that we can mess around in a structured and creative way.

**What is your favourite song from the production?**  
“Kung Fu Peril” and “Blow out the candle”.

**Student name:** Gareth J  
**Year Level:** 10  
**Character:** Frank Ernest, undercover secret agent

**Why did you want to be in this production?**  
I enjoy acting.

**Describe your character?**  
Dark, mysterious, romantic.

**What do you enjoy most about the production?**  
The friendship bonds formed.

**What is your favourite song from the production?**  
“We’ve been swindled”.

**PRODUCTION NEWS.**

**Holiday rehearsals.**
The production is edging closer to the performance dates. The new stages in the Performing Arts building look fantastic and the students are enjoying using them. Many thanks to Ivan Kitt for organising this. We started Sunday rehearsals last week and this is a time for collecting props, organising scenery and finalising costumes. It is all happening.

**Rehearsals.**
We have scheduled the second week of the holidays, full dress rehearsals on :-

**Thursday and Friday. Oct 6th and 7th.** Students need to be ready to perform, in costume, at 1.00pm and will work through till 5.00pm.

**Monday Oct 10th** will be a rehearsal for all the cast, choir and musicians. 3.45 – 5.00pm
Fretworks
7 of our guitar students have taken the opportunity to take part in “Fretworks” for 2011. They are having a wonderful time and the noise level is controlled by using Jam hubs. My! what a difference they make. There were several small groups all jamming at the same time and it was amazingly quiet. Their week of rehearsals and workshops will conclude with a concert on Thursday night.

Many thanks to the BIMP staff and especially Deryck Reaburn-jenkin (guitar teacher) and Gavan Moncrieff (percussion teacher) for making this event possible.

PARENTS’ CLUB

Brick BBQ/Selkirk Named Pavers
The construction of a new brick BBQ in the college grounds will be commencing soon with the surrounding area to be landscaped with the Selkirk named pavers. The first order of named paver bricks have already been delivered and the next order to be placed shortly. Any past or present students and staff wishing to purchase their named paver for $30 are encouraged to do so promptly. The order form can be downloaded from the college website. When on Home page scroll down to the news item named Personalised Pavers posted on the 24th of March 2011. Please print off the order form and complete your details to be returned to School with payment.

Cadbury Chocolate Raffle
Thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets for the huge 10kg block of Cadbury’s Chocolate. All money raised will go towards the purchase of a new TV for each of the learning communities.

Next Meeting
Our next Parents Club meeting will be on Wednesday the 19th of October at 9.15am. Venue to be advised. All College parents and guardians welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

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

CAREERS NEWS

La Trobe University Talk and Tour
La Trobe University Talk and Tour’s will be happening in the school holidays on Tuesday 27th September at the Bendigo campus or Wednesday 28th September at the Melbourne Campus. This is an event for Years 10 – 12 and their parents, and those that might have missed Open Days. The day will start at 9.30am for registration and course expo, then a student panel talk at 10am and then followed by a tour of the facilities and campus.

We will have current students conducting a panel and will have staff present who can answer any questions your kids might have. An expo style set up will be present where students can get one on one information from faculty staff.

Register at www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour or ph: 1300 135 045.

Linda Quarrier
Pathways

HOLDEN APPRENTICESHIP INTAKE 2012
Holden Engine Operations are currently welcoming applications for First Year Apprenticeships in the Mechanical Trade and Electrical Trade at their Port Melbourne Plant. You will have exposure to a variety of roles, responsibilities and technology to develop your skills. At the completion of the Apprenticeship you will gain a Certificate III qualification and have access to higher qualifications and a career.

To be eligible for these opportunities you must have:

- Completed or are completing a minimum of Year 11 (in 2012)
- Achieved good results in English, Maths, Science/Technology subjects
- Participated in the CIM Program Industry Tours which took place on May 18 at the Melbourne Docklands

Mechanical Trades Apprentice
You will interpret technical drawings and assist the maintenance department, perform general machining activities, maintain and overhaul engineering components, fabrication work and repair of equipment.

Electrical Trades Apprentice
Undertake fault diagnosis on equipment, programs and electrical systems, install, terminate, read & analyse mechanical and electrical wiring diagrams, maintenance & repair duties on electrical systems and learn to fault find a PLC.

Applications CLOSE on Sunday October 9 2011
To apply please go to the following external links and follow the prompts.
WHOOPING COUGH

There has been a confirmed case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) at Weeroona College Bendigo recently.

Whooping Cough is a serious, contagious respiratory infection. The disease begins likes a cold and then a cough develops. This cough may last for months, even after antibiotic treatment is completed and the person is no longer infectious.

Symptoms of Whooping Cough:

- Severe cough, which occurs in bouts of coughing.
- “Whooping” sound on inhalation.
- Vomiting at the end of a bout of coughing.
- Periods of inability to breathe – may go blue.

These symptoms may be associated with poor appetite, fatigue and dehydration.

How is it spread?

The time from infection to appearance of symptoms is between 6 to 20 days. A person is infectious for the first 21 days of their cough or until they have had 5 days of a 10-day course of antibiotics. Symptoms of Whooping Cough can be reduced by taking antibiotics. Treatment will reduce the risk of passing the infection to others, if it is given in the first 21 days of the illness.

Immunisation can prevent illness:

A combined vaccine against whooping cough and other diseases is available under the National Immunisation Schedule. In Victoria, it is given free of charge to all children. Children need all of the following injections in order to be fully protected. Some adults should be vaccinated. Immunity provided by the vaccine fades after 6 to 10 years. If you are unsure where to get your immunisation, please contact your local doctor or local council.

It is recommended by Weeroona College Bendigo that if you have a positive diagnosis of Whooping Cough by your GP then you:

- Notify the school.
- Remain at home until you have completed your antibiotics.
- Only return to school if the student is well enough and is no longer infectious.
- If unsure, then check with your local doctor.

If you would like further information or advice then please feel free to contact the School Nurse on Monday & Tuesday’s on 5443 2133. Otherwise contact:

- Your local doctor.
- Nurse-on-call Tel. 1300 606 024.
- Immunisation Section, Department of Health Victoria Tel. 1300 882 008.
- Immunise Australia National Information Line Tel. 1800 671 811.

Sarah Warburton
School Nurse
COMMUNITY NOTICES

The second edition of Parentingideas Magazine with great tips and advice to help you raise wonderful kids and enjoy the journey is ready for you to view.

Parentingideas Magazine is a quality quarterly online parenting magazine featuring some of Australia’s best parenting writers, covering the topics you want to know about. And it’s published by Michael Grose. Here’s a little of what you’ll read in this issue:-

- The amazing Dr. Jason Fox writes about motivating kids to learn through gaming
- Channel 9’s Morning Show regular Dannii Miller has a great piece on overcoming self-consciousness in girls (it’s great for boys too!)
- Fay Angelo writes about helping girls (and you) prepare for their first period.
- Fivehive’s Yvonne Adele has some getting to bed tips with a difference
- Ninja Dad Malcolm Nix has a cool column for dads! It’s a great read and it’s fun too!

There’s heaps more………………………Best of all it’s FREE!

Click on the following link to access your online copy; Parentingideas.com.au/parents

BENDIGO GOLF BOWLING CLUB

The Bendigo Golf Bowling Club is holding a series of Sunday clinics for any interested students. Bowls is becoming more of a younger person’s sport. Many of our champions began bowls at an early age.

Dates: Sunday October 16th, 23rd & 30th.
Time: 10 am until 12noon
Where: Bendigo Golf Bowling Club Epsom
Cost: Nil

Our club will provide all the necessary equipment, bowls etc. Comfortable sports attire, flat soled shoes or bare feet should be worn. A BBQ lunch will be provided at the end of each session.
Contact: Bowling Coach Joe Page 0409 021 352 or Terry Gastin 0407 983 176 to register.

Bendigo Fashion Festival promotes Bendigo as a regional fashion and shopping destination, and raises the profile of local designers, local fashion and beauty businesses and fashion students, whilst raising some money for local charities.

September 11 – October 26th 2011
www.bendigofashionfestival.com
facebook.com/bendigofashionfestival
You can pick up a registration form from the General Office.