

## Contacts 2011

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MSM Shawn McCormick  
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LCN Chris Novak  
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# 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 Semester 2....

### Calendar

#### October

26th:: Bendigo Cup Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

#### November

1st—4th:: College Production—A.T. Dingle Performance Centre—7.30pm

7th:: College Council—7.00pm

23rd:: Year 7 Boys & Girls Immunisations

23rd & 24th:: Year 10 Exams

24th—27th:: RACV Energy Breakthrough—Maryborough

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—No Year 8 & 9 Classes on this day

6th:: Year 10 Valedictory Dinner

12th:: Awards Evening—7.00pm at BSSC Gymnasium

22nd:: Last day of Term 4

**Absence Line: 4433 4911**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

So early in term 4 and already the calendar is filling up until the end of this term.

### Sheerluck Holmes

Have you bought your tickets yet? So much hard work from staff and students, so many lines learnt, songs sung and preparation of sets and costumes. It would be a shame to miss our bi-annual college production ably produced and led by Therese Johnson and Christine Henty. This will be the first official production in our new A.T. Dingle Performance Centre and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

### Artist in Schools Program

We are very pleased that our Artists in Schools application was successful and we will receive a grant for an artist to work with us for 6 months of next year. The Artists in Schools program creates the opportunity for practising professional artists to work with young people in Victorian primary and secondary schools. It involves school communities in creative partnership projects while providing students, teachers and artists with diverse and challenging learning experiences. The program generates innovative ways to engage students across all strands of the curriculum from Prep to Year 10 and we look forward to students and staff working with our designated artist, Joanne Mott, who will help us to create a sculpture for our new school.

### Staff Travel to Canada

Mrs Helen Tuohey and Ms Bree Franks are on a two week study tour of schools in Canada with a group of educators from across Victoria. We continue to develop ways to increase the engagement and outcomes of our students and utilise our new learning spaces in the best way possible. Mrs Tuohey is being replaced by Mr Trent Bysouth and Ms Franks is being replaced by Mr Brian Brennan.

### Ultranet Update

While parents may not have heard much about or had much to do with the Ultranet yet, with the help of our network Ultranet Coach and our school 'lead users', groups of staff and students at Weeroona College Bendigo have been learning together and making progress on the implementation of the Ultranet at our school. This is a significant piece of work for all Victorian Government schools and we believe that the benefits will outweigh all the hard work of learning and implementation currently being undertaken.

I would like to congratulate the following year 7 students: Brock B, Trent D, Emily T, Bridgette H, Chloe S, Isobelle C and Kyra T, who all spent the day at Eaglehawk Secondary College, last week, with students from Eaglehawk and Crusoe College developing a Community Space on the Ultranet. All our current Year 6 and perspective Year 7 students who will be coming to our school in 2012 also participated. The students worked collaboratively all day, they learnt so much from Steve O'Conner our coach and

they have come back with expertise that we hope they can share with other students and staff. Their project involving the year 6 students is a terrific way to connect our current students with our new students.

### NAPLAN Success

As you are aware our year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students participate in the NAPLAN test annually, along with all other students of the same year levels from across Australia. There has been considerable analysis of the 2011 NAPLAN data since its release in September. I was very pleased to meet with the Regional Director in the holidays to discuss our college progress and be congratulated on the achievement of above expected level cohort growth for the period 2009 to 2011 in Reading at years 3, 5 and 9, at expected level at year 7 and in Numeracy at years 3 and 5. We have seen some excellent results for many of our students and it is very encouraging to see that our strong focus on Literacy is having an impact. I would like to commend students and staff on this achievement and congratulate them. There is no doubt that our students are committed to ongoing improvement and trying very hard. We have commenced the final round of On Demand testing for this year in English, and Maths.

*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the next few weeks Year 9 students will complete a variety of different assessment tasks aimed at exposing them to methods which are used to assess VCE coursework. Students will or may have already under gone Exams and SACs (school assessed coursework) in Maths, Humanities and English.

Year 10 students will be also beginning revision for their exams in the coming weeks as they are scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November in all their core subjects. We wish you all the best with the remaining tasks/exams.

*Trent Bysouth*  
Acting Assistant Principal

## WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

Please Note: The Uniform Shop is now in the portable opposite the school canteen. Phone: 4433 4947

### Term 4 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.

## MALAYSIA TRIP 2011

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 9 W C B students and 2 Staff embarked on a trip to Malaysia, along with students and staff from Pyramid Hill and Charlton Secondary College. We stayed for 8 days, one night in Melaka, 4 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 2 nights home stay in Bukit Gantang. The following students have included their highlights:

*Malaysia has been one of the best trips of my life, it has been so much fun meeting new people and spending eight days with them, even though we were sleep deprived and very grumpy we have been having so much fun. It has been great to experience the Malay culture and religion, even though it has been boiling!!! One of the best experiences was riding the elephant and swimming with them. Everything is so cheap over here and bartering is so much fun! Thanks for the amazing memories.*

**Kelsey O**

*My favourite memories have been the home stay, Times Square theme park and Red Box karaoke. It has been a great experience and I hope to do it again someday. The food is so different compared to Australia. The people from the other schools have been so nice and it was good to meet them.*

**Brianna G**

*My Favourite memories have been getting off the plane and actually knowing you're in Malaysia! I also loved meeting the different people from different schools. But one of my favourite things was meeting and staying with our home stay families! It has been a wonderful experience and I hope to do it again someday.*

**Rhapsody A**

*My best moment of this holiday was the elephants, and being able to ride and bathe with them. The home stay was really good. Erika and I got to light off fireworks which was the best thing. Also just being in another country and seeing how others live opened my eyes so much to how lucky we are to live in the community we do. Meeting everyone was an amazing thing and we all get along so well, I'd love to get together with everyone again and all catch up!*

*This trip has brought me so close to people who I either never knew and those who I barely knew. It was an experience of a lifetime that will never ever be forgotten! Experiencing a new culture and way of living was definitely an eye opener and now I will probably appreciate the little things (like toilets and fresh water).*

**Nakita L**



## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

There have been a number of reported cases of head lice at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Head Lice are most common among children and their families. If anyone in your family has head lice it is vital that you tell the School, so that they can ask other families to check and treat their family members if needed.

Concentrate on treating the affected person's head. The only linen that requires specific washing is the affected person's pillowcase. This should be washed in hot water (at least 60°C) or put in a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting for 10 minutes.

### Finding Head Lice:

Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot as they move quickly. The easiest and most effective way to find head lice, is to follow these steps weekly:

**Step 1:** Comb hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.

**Step 2:** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 3:** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 4:** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

**Step 5:** If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

### Treating Head Lice:

The two most preferred options for treating head lice are the "conditioner and comb" method and the use of an insecticide. If you choose to use the insecticide method, then speak to your pharmacist about how to use it correctly. The "conditioner and comb" method can be used every second day with the use of an insecticide until no live lice have been found for ten days.

### Head Lice Combs:

Head lice combs with long, rounded, stainless steel teeth positioned very close together, are the most effective. However, any head lice comb can be used and are available at your local pharmacy.

### Preventing Head Lice:

There is no product available that prevents head lice. However, tying long hair back and checking weekly for lice, using the "conditioner and comb" method can help prevent the spread.

### Where to get help:

- Your doctor.
- Your pharmacist.
- School Nurse.

If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the College Nurse, Sarah Warburton at Weeroona College Bendigo on Monday or Tuesday's.

## Asthma in Spring: Keep a Spring in their Step!

Spring is in the air and bringing with it warmer weather, which can make it a difficult time for all people that experience hay fever symptoms, as plants release pollens into the air. Hay fever is very common complaint during spring, and between 60-80% of people with asthma also experience hay fever.

- Pollen is a trigger for hay fever and asthma, particularly on a windy day or during thunderstorms.
- Someone with asthma may experience worsening symptoms due to their hay fever.
- Hay fever can make asthma harder to control.
- Treating hay fever symptoms with anti-histamine tablets or nasal sprays has benefits to asthma control.
- Plants often release pollen in the morning, and as a result hay fever may be worse between 5am and 10am.

There are some simple and effective methods to help your child or teenager manage their asthma during spring:

- Be aware if they experience hay fever or pollen as an asthma trigger.
- If they have been prescribed a preventer or combination medication for their asthma, ensure that the medication is being used as prescribed (some may take more than a week of regular use to take full effect).
- Ensure you have provided their school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan (AAP) to follow in the event of an asthma attack.
- Ensure they have access to their own reliever asthma medication, or blue/grey 'puffer', along with a spacer at all times, and they are aware of how to use the medication appropriately.
- Ensure they can recognise when they are experiencing asthma symptoms and know what to do to manage their asthma.
- Be aware of high/extreme pollen days by checking the daily pollen count and forecast on the home page of the Asthma Foundation of Victoria website: [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)



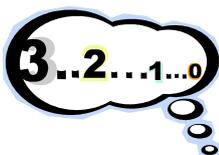
For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

Sarah Warburton  
School Nurse



## MATHS - LEARN IT, LIVE IT

Don't expect your children to understand something just because you think they ought to understand it. I have a friend who is a trained teaching assistant. One day we were discussing how children learn mathematics and she said, "children in our school know that seven eights are fifty six, but they don't know what eight sevens are!" The implication here, of course, is that it is obvious that if seven eights are fifty six, eight sevens must also be fifty six. Well, the truth is that it is not at all obvious to a young child. This is what mathematicians call the 'Commutative Law' and it applies to multiplication ( $7 \times 8 = 8 \times 7$ ) and addition ( $6 + 7 = 7 + 6$ ), but it does not apply to subtraction ( $9 - 7 \neq 7 - 9$ ) or division ( $8 \div 2 \neq 2 \div 8$ ) and children need to learn when this law applies and when it does not (*young children are not normally asked learn the term 'Commutative Law'*).



*A friendly tip from the Numeracy Improvement Team at WCB*

## LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR SALE

We have a number of excess laptop computers for sale (due to the acquisition of the student Netbook computers). Some in excellent condition for \$275.00

### Acer Extensa 4230

- \* Intel Celeron 900 @ 2.2GHz
- \* 2.00 GB RAM
- \* DVD/CD Burner
- \* Intel Graphics Media Accelerator X3100 up to 384MB
- \* 5-in-one card reader (Memory Stick, Memory Stick-Pro, Secure Digital, Multimedia Card, xD-Picture Card)
- \* 802.11b/g/draft-n dual-mode with SignalUp technology
- \* 1 x Modem port (56K ITU V.92 with PTT approval, Wake-on-Ring ready)
- \* 2 x USB 2.0 ports
- \* Ethernet (RJ-45) port
- \* 1 x External display (VGA) port
- \* 1 x Type II PC Card slot 1 x Express Card /54 slot
- \* 1 x line-in jack, 1 x Microphone-in jack
- \* 1 x Headphones/speaker/line-out jack
- \* Some Acer warranty left
- \* reloaded with standard Windows Vista image

All enquiries should be directed to Geoff Ellett (IT Co-ordinator) on 5443 2133.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Super 8's Cricket - Yr 9 & 10

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October saw WCB compete in the regional Super 8's competition. Both the boys and the girl's team had an enjoyable day with both teams playing some very good cricket. The girl's team finished the competition in 3<sup>rd</sup> position while the boy's team made the final but ultimately fell a little short in their efforts to claim three successive victories in this regional competition. Congratulations to all competitors for your behaviour and effort over the course of the day.

### Loddon Mallee Athletics Finals

The Loddon Mallee Athletics Finals were staged at Latrobe University Athletics Complex, Flora Hill on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Weeroona were well represented at this carnival with students involved in over a dozen events. The standard was strong and all WCB competitors competed to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to Tori B (16 Girls Hurdles), Bailey E (1500 metres) and Matt C (1500metres, 800 metres and 400 metres) who were successful in these events and will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the upcoming School Sport Victoria State Track and Field Finals to be held in Melbourne on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.



Matt C was a winner of 3 events on the day.



WCB Competitors at the Loddon Mallee Track and Field Championships

*Shawn McCormick*  
Sports Coordinator

## PARENTS' CLUB

### Cadbury Chocolate Raffle

Congratulations to Kyle R of Year 7 who won the huge 10kg block of Cadbury's Chocolate.

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets as almost \$500 was raised will go towards the purchase of a new TV for each of the Learning Communities.

Canteen for the College Production Sheerluck Holmes Parents Club will be running the canteen selling cold drinks and snacks during interval each evening of the College Production.

Any parent who would be able to assist on any night would be most welcome. The dates are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of November. Please contact Gay Huggard on 54412715.

### Next Meeting

Our next Parents' Club meeting will be on Wednesday the 16th of November at 9.15am. Venue to be advised.

Also, please be advised that the Weeroona College Parents' Club Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday the 7th of December at 9.15am. Venue to be advised.

All college parents and guardians welcome to attend these meetings. Tea and coffee provided.

### 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.

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

## STUDENT NETBOOKS

Year 7 and 9 netbooks will be progressively updated to the latest Edustar image over the next few weeks. This will update a number of programs and includes some new software. The upgrade will not delete any student data.

Netbooks will be collected in groups of 2 or 3 per class to minimise disruption.

## PRODUCTION NEWS

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October*

*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.

*On page 6 the last few profiles the main characters of "Sheerluck Holmes" are featured:*



Student name: Thomas C  
Year Level: 9

Character: The Voice  
Chairman

Why did you want to be in this production?

The last chance to have the opportunity.

Describe your character?

Very loud.

What do you enjoy most about the production?

It's funny and lots of fun.

What is your favourite song from the production?

"Kung Fu Peril".



Student name: Hayley M-K

Year Level: 8

Character: Aunt Clara

Why did you want to be in this production?

I'm in the production because I want to be an actress in my career.

Describe your character?

My character is a psychic, creepy and misunderstood. She is also a murderer.

What do you enjoy most about the production?

I have made a lot of new friends that have become like family

What is your favourite song from the production?

"Don't go out on the moves", which I sing solo.



Student name: Monique H

Year Level: 9

Character: Inspector Metre,  
Rowena

Why did you want to be in this production?

Because I love acting and socialising with others and making new friends.

Describe your character?

Inspector – Serious, Strict

Rowena – Scared, innocent, sweet and kind

What do you enjoy most about the production?

Meeting new people and socialising.

What is your favourite song from the production?

"Kung Fu Peril" and "Blow Out the Candle"



Student name: Natalie J

Year Level: 9

Character: Starlett, Girls on  
Public Address, Martha, Rowena

Why did you want to be in this production?

Because I thought it would be a great way to meet new people and have heaps of fun.

Describe your characters?

Starlett = a tart

Girl = very sick

Martha = Forgetful

Rowena = Sweet and scared.

What do you enjoy most about the production?

Spending time with amazing people.

What is your favourite song from the production?

All of them, but "Blow out the candle" is a very cute song.

## FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

### College Newsletter

Our College newsletter is available on the College website [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://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.