

## Contacts 2011

Personal Difficulties  
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**Merin Learning Community**  
Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

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**Wannop**  
Learning Community  
Monica White / Paul Ellis

**Advisory Teachers:**  
**Merin** MCE Leanne Miller  
MCH Christine Henty  
MCT Christine Toose  
MHP Helen Peppinck  
MJS Jean Stephens  
MKD Karen Dale  
MLS Leigh Schroeter  
MRJ Ron James/Abby Shay  
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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  
WMG Michelle Griffin  
WKP Kristen Purden  
WMH Meryl Hayes  
WRL Ron Llewelyn  
WRJ Raelene Jeffrey  
WSS Sarah Smith  
WTC Tarli Capicchiano  
WTL Tracey Lee  
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White (Fridays)  
WCN Chloe Neath

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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  
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School wide issues, emergencies etc

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Leanne Preece

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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

#### 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  
7th—9th:: Year 8 Lorne Camp  
12th:: Awards Evening—7.00pm at BSSC Gymnasium  
22nd:: Last day of Term 4

**Absence Line: 4433 4911**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Weeroona College Bendigo Cast and Crew Shines

Weeroona College Bendigo students, staff and parents involved in our biannual production are to be congratulated on their outstanding production of "Sheerluck Holmes" presented to audiences in our new A.T. Dingle Performance Centre over the past four nights. This week's performances were the culmination of 20 weeks of lunchtime, afterschool, holiday and weekend rehearsals. It is pleasing to note the support, mentoring and camaraderie that developed amongst the team and the commitment and enthusiasm on behalf of everyone involved to do their absolute best in order for this production to be so successful. Co-directors Therese Johnston and Christine Henty must be singled out for their drive and passion in ensuring that Sheerluck Holmes was such an outstanding success. Thank you also to the large number of staff members that have worked hard to support the team. We shine at WCB.



### Congratulations to our ESL (English as a Second Language) students and staff

Congratulations to our ESL students who won their section of the ESL Film Festival held recently. The Festival had a theme of Forests for All. Our students interviewed their parents and grandparents, then filled out their own questionnaire around the good, bad and horrible of the jungle they knew before they came to Australia. In their award winning film, each student presents their story. The film then moves onto the bare "garden" outside Merin, to the tune of "Home among the Gumtrees," showing the students plans for the new garden, saying they are going to construct a safe garden where everyone will be welcome - as opposed to their previous experiences. A fantastic production which won them \$500.00 to develop their special garden at our school. Well done to all students ably supported by Mardi Holland and Judy Kidman.



*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### City of Greater Bendigo Wellbeing Survey

The City of Greater Bendigo is currently undertaking a survey to determine community attitudes to a number of emerging health and wellbeing issues that affect the community. In order to achieve a statistically significant sample they are especially keen for young people to take part, because they are traditionally underrepresented in survey responses.

The 15 minute survey can be completed online at [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/wellbeingsurvey](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/wellbeingsurvey)  
You have the chance to be in the weekly draw to win an iPod touch!

*Helen Tuohy*  
Assistant Principal

## YEAR 10 EXAMS

**Year 10 Exams: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

The Year 10 end of semester exams are fast approaching and the following important information will help students and parents plan to make the exam period both a rewarding experience and a less stressful one.

### VENUE:

- Bendigo Senior Secondary College Gymnasium, Gaol Road entry.  
Students are not required at Weeroona College Bendigo during the exam period and are expected to make their own way to BSSC for each exam. Please contact the College if this is not possible on either of the days, (see important notice below regarding non-attendance.) The College bus will be available to convoy limited numbers to and from the exam venue.

### DATES:

- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** English / Science
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** Mathematics / Humanities

### SESSION TIMES: (Both days)

- **Morning**  
9:30am – Assemble at BSSC gym in core groups, exam supervisors will direct students to allocated seats.  
9:45am – Ten minute Reading time begins  
9:55am – Exam begins  
11:25am – Exam finishes
- **Lunch Break**  
11:25am – 12:30pm

- **Afternoon**  
12:30pm - Assemble at BSSC gym in core groups, exam supervisors will direct students to allocated seats.  
12:45pm - Ten minute Reading time begins  
12:55pm - Exam begins  
2:25pm – Exam finishes

### CODE OF CONDUCT:

- The College code of conduct, (except for the wearing of uniform,) applies for the exam period: students who do not adhere to this will be removed from the examination and will complete all further exams after 3.30pm at Weeroona College Bendigo.
- Students are not required to wear College uniform during the exam period; however, appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn: no singlet tops or thongs.
- Mobile phones, iPods etc are not allowed in exams, they may be stored, switched off, in your bag on the floor beside your exam desk.

### PREPARATION:

- Complete all revision work given by your core class teachers.
- Talk to your teachers about work you don't understand.
- Plan your own summary sheet for the exams for the subjects that allow them.
- Make sure you have pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, summary sheet, dictionary, calculator and water on the day plus it is a good idea to bring a book to read if you finish early. You cannot leave until the designated time.
- Get a good night's sleep the night before and have a proper breakfast each morning. Also have something to eat during the lunch break. The BSSC canteen will be open for the purchase of food and drink.

### NON-ATTENDANCE AT EXAMS

- It is a requirement for successful completion of Year 10 at Weeroona College Bendigo that students attend and participate in all scheduled exams unless a medical certificate is submitted to the General Office during exam week. This condition of completion may be waived, in certain circumstances, at the discretion of the Principal.
- Due to student commitments at BSSC for the following weeks it is not possible to hold 'catch-up' exams during the school day but time will be made available after 3.30pm in the week starting November 28<sup>th</sup> if needed.

Please contact Mr Edebohls at the College for further details regarding this or other exam issues.

*Brian Edebohls*  
Assessment & Reporting Coordinator



## 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.



## 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS



Well done to all the students who completed the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge this year. There is always next year for those who didn't take up the Challenge this year.

We had a total of 1478 books enjoyed by our readers and look forward to improving on this fantastic effort during The National Year of Reading in 2012. Certificates will be awarded later in the year.

Please return all Library and Hire books as soon as you have finished with them. Thank You.

## 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.

## NETBOOK UPDATE

**Year 10 Students:** All netbooks will have to be returned to the IT Technicians on or before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of November. This is the Friday after the Year 10 Exams. The expectation is that they will be returned in good condition with chargers and cases. Any repairs required will be invoiced to the family of the student. Any payments will be required before year's end. Year 11 students at BSSC will be provided with BSSC Netbooks. BSSC will be given a list of any current Year 10 students that do not return Weeroona College Netbooks.

**Year 9 and 7 Students:** We are currently imaging these netbooks with the latest EduStar software. This will be completed by year's end. The students will be able to keep these netbooks over the Christmas break if they are returning to Weeroona College Bendigo in 2012.

**Year 8 Students:** This is the final year of the 3 year lease. Next year students returning to Weeroona College Bendigo will be issued with another Netbook (Previously used in Year 10). The students will have an opportunity to transfer their data onto the new Netbook and at that stage their current Netbook will be reimaged for home use. These Netbooks will no longer be suitable for use at school.

**Primary Students:** Netbooks currently being used by Primary students will be collected at the end of the year. They will be reimaged over the break and then redistributed in 2012.

## SPORTS NEWS

### School Sport Victoria Track and Field State Finals

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October saw the School Sport Victoria State Track and Field Championships take place at the Lakeside Athletics Complex, Melbourne. WCB had 3 individuals involved in this event. Tori B competed in a fine manner in her event (16 girl's hurdles) and Bailey E also competed in a strong manner in the 1500 metres event.

Matt C won through to compete in 3 events. These included the 1500 metres, 800 metres and the 400 metres. Matt understandably did not compete in the 1500 metre event to ensure that he was fresh for the other two events. Matt produced an excellent effort to win the State title in the 800 metres and produced a fine effort in the 400 metres where he came a very close second. A sensational effort by Matt. On behalf of the College community. Well done.

Thanks to Miss Purden for her efforts in relation to being present on the day of the event and actively encouraging our students in relation to their events.

### School Sport Victoria

As stated in earlier editions of the College newsletter, school based sport has had a name change from VSSSA (Victorian State Schools Sports Association) to School Sport Victoria. Consequently a new comprehensive website has been designed. This is a valuable resource and provides a vast range of information relating to School based sport. The site is comprehensive in nature and can be very easily sourced at [www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au) or simply Google SSV.

### Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls Super 8's Cricket

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October saw the Cricket Victoria Super 8's competition take place at Beischer Park, Bendigo. WCB fielded both a boys and girls team in this competition. A combined total of 22 teams competed in the competition.

The WCB girl's team produced a fantastic result. The team won all three of their preliminary games and subsequently made the final. All girls made a defined effort and had an enjoyable day. The girls winning run came to an end in the final going down to a very strong Bendigo South East College outfit. Well done to all girls involved in the squad.

The boy's team led by captain, Ryan H, were dominant throughout the competition. All team members made a valuable contribution. A highlight of the team was their highly skilled fielding and intelligent bowling. Like the girls team the WCB team won all of their preliminary games with ease and were pitted against the strong Catholic College team. The WCB team bowled in an excellent manner, ultimately leaving a short total to chase. The boys batted in a disciplined manner and easily reached the set target. Consequently they were crowned district champions. All boys made a contribution. Congratulations to all involved.

The WCB Year 7 & 8 Boys squad will now journey to Melton to take place in the regional finals in mid November. Continued application and effort will ensure that the team gives itself a strong chance of being successful. Well done to all girls and boys involved in the competition.

*Shawn McCormick*  
Sports Coordinator

## ZEST TEAM NEWS

### Do you have old worn out Sports shoes cluttering up your home? Are you doing some Spring Cleaning? Read on....

RECYCLING NOT LANDFILL - NIKE "Re-Use A Shoe" Project – Old Sport Shoes Making New Sporting Products

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with NIKE and Bicknells Sports Store (Williamson St, Bendigo) in this great project – and we need everyone's help to make sure we maximize the opportunity to look after the Planet! Millions of sports shoes are discarded to landfill each year. NIKE has developed processes to separate all the valuable components and reprocess them into products such as surfaces for athletic tracks, tennis and basketball courts. More than 25 million shoes have been processed so far, and just 5000 shoes can make one basketball court!

This year NIKE re-launches the scheme to Australia and has chosen selected stores, including the Independent Sports Group of stores for the national roll out.

Sports shoes from ANY manufacturer can be placed in a marked bin in our store for bulk return to NIKE's recycling plant. To minimize the environmental impact, the returns will use trucks which have made a delivery to us, meaning no additional fuel is burned or kilometers driven.

Everyone in the area is welcome to use this recycling scheme and should encourage friends, family and colleagues to do likewise.

\*\*You can take your old shoes for recycling direct to the Bicknells store or bring them to the ZEST team located in the Library and we will take them to Bicknells for you. Let's see how many we can contribute. (Check first that the ones you want to contribute are fine with your family).

## PARENTS' CLUB

### Next Meeting

Our next Parents' Club meeting will be on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.