

Contacts 2011

Personal Difficulties
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Learning Community
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Wannop
Learning Community
Monica White / Paul Ellis

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MCT Christine Toose
MHP Helen Peppink
MJS Jean Stephens
MKD Karen Dale
MLS Leigh Schroeter
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MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston

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LCN Chris Novak
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LGD Geoff Dempster
LJG Jaime Gray
LJM Jill McKenzie
LMA Mark Adams
LMR Matthew Reeves
LSB Sue Bull
LTL Tim Lawrance/Bree Franks (Mondays)

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WDC David Crowley
WMG Michelle Griffin
WKP Kristen Purden
WMH Meryl Hayes
WRL Ron Llewelyn
WRJ Raelene Jeffrey
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Sue Pollard (Mondays)
KBE Brian Edebohls
KDS Debbie Shipp
KEP Erin Pilkington
KGS Gary Schroeder
KJG James Ginnivan
KJM John McIntosh
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Trent Bysouth (Fridays)
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Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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School Times: **Absence Line:** 4433 4911 **Office Hours:**
Start: 9.00am **Monday—Friday**
Lunch: 11.46am—12.34pm **8.15am—4.00pm**
Recess: 1.47pm—2.07pm
Finish: 3.20pm

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What's Happening Term 1....

Calendar

February

28th:: EMA Applications / Conveyance Allowance forms due

March

1st:: College Council—7.00pm
14th:: Labour Day Public Holiday
21st—23rd:: Year 7 Campaspe Downs Camp

April

7th:: Immunisations—Year 7 & 10 students
8th:: Last Day Term 1—2.30pm Finish
25th:: Easter Monday Holiday
26th:: ANZAC Day Holiday in Lieu
27th:: Term 2 Begins

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Personal Goods Brought to School

Families are asked to note that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

This includes mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

It's My School Too!

By now you will all be aware that we asked all of our students to commit to the following statement at our Start Up sessions *"All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed"* as part of an anti-bullying program that we are piloting at Weeroona College Bendigo this year.



The program, developed by Jamie Roberts, is built on the following beliefs...

- Everyone has a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.
- The vast majority of students at Weeroona College Bendigo support this belief AND live it.
- There is power in a majority to make a big difference for the better.
- It's really not that hard to get through a school day without harassing others!

We are really excited about having the students agree with the belief statement and the board is now proudly displaying their names.

Those students that err from this statement will have their names removed whilst they make amends for their behaviour through a restorative process. Everyone will have the opportunity to have their name reinstated when they accept responsibility for their behaviour and make amends.

Congratulations

On behalf of our school community I would like to congratulate

Gay Huggard

for being nominated for a

VICTORIAN EDUCATION OUTSTANDING PARENT AWARD 2011

Gay is one of our parents who has made a significant contribution to Weeroona College Bendigo through a long association in a range of roles.

The following is a summary of Gay's contributions to state education with particular reference to Weeroona College Bendigo as well as mention of Bendigo East Primary School where her children also attended before it became part of the primary section of Weeroona College Bendigo.

- Weeroona College Bendigo School Council 1999 – 2011. Joined as a former School council member at Bendigo East Primary School 1996 – 1998. College Council President 2007, 2008 & 2009.
- Member on College Council subcommittees - Buildings and grounds, Education Policy committee, Uniform Committee, Go Safe Committee, Building Stronger Links, Bendigo Education Working Party, Master Planning Committees, Debutante Ball Committees, Finance Committee, and attended new school building site meetings in her role as Council President.
- Member of WCB Parents' Club from 1999 to 2011.
- Former Parents' Club member at Bendigo East Primary School -1992 to 1998.
- Held positions of Secretary, President, & Treasurer while at Weeroona College Bendigo. Coordinated Parents' Club Primary uniform sales and fundraising events such as College Gymkhana, parent volunteer in canteen each year for 9 years, College Carnival event 2002 & 2003 and fundraising BBQ's.
- Volunteer for Student Socials, College Productions and numerous other fundraising activities.
- Attended Parents Victoria Conferences in Melbourne annually for several years and encouraged other parents to attend as well.
- Other College activities – Primary classroom reading, Canteen duty 2001 to 2011, Catering and Support team member for various Energy Break through camps from 2003 to 2011 at Maryborough, Casey Fields, Maroondah and Murray Bridge.
- Selection panel member for Canteen Manager and Principal selection.

An outstanding list of contributions Gay and we wish you every success with your nomination.

SRC

Congratulations to the following students who have taken on student leadership responsibilities for Weeroona College Bendigo in 2011.

School Captains - Nakita L (Kappen)
Gareth J (Wannop)

School Council Rep - Tori B (Katyil)

Year 10 - Kelsey O (Kappen), Carli S (Merin), Stacey T (Merin) & Chelsea H (Merin)

Year 9 - Amy Walker-Yk-M (Wannop)
Brianna H (Wannop)

Year 8 - Brooke E (Wannop)

Year 7 - Luke W (Merin), Emily I (Katyil), Jocelyn B (Wannop) & Jessica D (Kappen)

Primary - Zac K (5) & Hannah L (6)

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Every minute matters so**Attend school every day.**
Be on time for school and all classes.

Immunisations

The first round of immunisations are to take place on Thursday, April 7th beginning at 9.30am. It will involve year 7 and Year 10 students.

Subsequent Immunisation dates are: -
Tuesday, June 21st - Yr 7 girls only.
Wednesday, November 23rd - Year 7 girls & boys.

Any queries need to be directed to the General Office. Immunisation cards will be distributed to students when they arrive.

Year 10 Rugby Tops

The final order for has been finalised and sent off. Students will be notified when they arrive.

Helen Tuohy
Assistant Principal

WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!

Term 1 SHOP HOURS:

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

Layby and EFTPOS facilities available. Some items of second-hand uniforms available.

WEEROONA COLLEGE NETBALL

If any students are interested in playing Saturday netball for Weeroona College, please see Ms Dale for an entry form. Netball will be played on Saturday afternoons at the Golden City Courts. Training will be held on Wednesday nights at Weeroona College at 3.30. We are also seeking coaches for our teams. If you would like to coach please contact Karen Dale on 54432133

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. It would be appreciated if parents could directly phone this number to report a student absence.

College Newsletter

Our first Newsletter of the year was posted out to families. To access the Newsletter from now onwards, it 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. Please send your child to the General Office to collect.

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.

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.

Late Arrivals *****AMENDED*****

Students are reminded that when arriving late to school from home/dentist appointment etc are asked to 'sign in' AT THE GENERAL OFFICE. Attendance rolls can then be changed and a Late Note given.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

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 1 (1st February, 2011) and Term 3 (18th July). The EMA application must be submitted to the college by **MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2011** for the first payment and **FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST, 2011** for the second payment. The EMA provides an annual amount of \$225.00 for primary students and \$450.00 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Please note if you completed an EMA application on Start Up Day, you do not need to apply again.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications for Conveyance Allowance should be lodged at the college no later than **MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2011.** Students who reside more than 4.8 km **RADIALLY** from Weeroona College Bendigo or their nearest bus 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 starting from this year. If you have previously applied for Conveyance Allowance, please notify the office or email weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au of your bsb and bank 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.**

AFTER SCHOOL MATHS CLASS

This is a note to inform parents that an After School Maths class is running on Wednesday nights from 23rd Feb 2011 in the Kappen Community. The class will run from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.



The aim is to allow students the opportunity to work to improve their understanding of mathematics by having a ready access to mathematics teachers in small groups or individually. At this stage of the year the class has been made available to all Year 9 and 10 students that have feel they need extra support in the subject and have had the permission form signed and returned to school. The hope is that once established then the class would be open for all students who wish to attend, depending upon the availability of maths staff.

Alan Aylward
Head of Mathematics

TRIPLE G – GIRLS GET GOING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND WELLBEING SURVEY

Weeroona College Bendigo is one of another eight schools within regional and rural Victoria chosen to participate in the Triple G – girls get going research project being conducted by the University of Ballarat. The project is about improving the physical activity levels and the physical and mental wellbeing of adolescent girls who live in rural and regional areas.

Sixty five girls in Years 7 -9 completed the survey on Thursday and they will complete a follow-up survey in February 2012.

Thank you to those parents, who allowed their children to be involved in this worthwhile project. Also thank you to the girls who completed the survey, hopefully some of you will be the recipients of the spot prizes on offer.

Dianne Andrea

YEAR 7 OPEN WATER LEARNING

Tuesday 15th March saw 95 Year 7 students participate in and Open Water Learning Experience held by Life Saving Victoria at the Crusoe Reservoir. The main focus of the program was to develop their swim survival skills and gain knowledge whilst having fun.

With research highlighting 1 in 5 of all drowning deaths are children aged under 18years of 50 children drowned last year and 5% of children aged 5-14 drowned in rivers it was a fantastic opportunity to gain confidence and knowledge of open water situations.

The afternoon involved all students to rotate through stations that discussed CPR, Using PFDs, using Body Boards and Rope Rescues. All students have a great day with some of the following feedback included: "awesome", "great", "loved the body boards", " My hair!", "I lost my shoe", " loved jumping off the pontoon with a life jacket".

Students will now further develop their swim survival skills in physical education classes to reiterate the messages they learnt while on the excursion.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

We would like to invite you to register for the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2011. The Challenge is a very worthwhile activity that promotes a love of reading. Students are required to read 15 books for the year to meet the Challenge. Students are presented with a certificate on completion of the Challenge. More information on the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge can be found at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/parents/> Please complete the form attached to the newsletter and return to the Library or to your Advisor. See Library staff if another consent form is needed.

SPORTS NEWS

Weeroona College Bendigo held their swimming sports on Friday 11th February at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. It was fantastic to see many students wearing their house colours which added to the atmosphere of the day.

The Carnival was held under barmy skies and although we had 40 minutes of rain I would like to complement the student body for their attitude and efforts throughout the day.

Well done to all competitors and congratulations to all those who won events. Event winners will now represent the college at the BDSCSC swimming carnival, to be held on March 2nd at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. These are the results -

Junior Aggregate Results -

- 1st - Derrinal (87pts)
- 2nd - Kimbloton (86pts)
- 3rd - Coliban (85pts)
- 4th - Metcalfe (56pts)

Senior Aggregate Results -

- 1st - Coliban (121pts)
- 2nd - Derrinal (112pts)
- 3rd - Metcalfe (69pts)
- 4th - Kimbolton (68pts)

Overall Results

- 1st - Coliban (206pts)
- 2nd - Derrinal (199pts)
- 3rd - Kimbolton (154pts)
- 4th Metcalfe (125pts)

Individual Age Group Championships - Boys

- Open Boys - Nathaniel T
- 16 Boys - Corey M
- 15 Boys - Nathan J
- 14 Boys - Mackenzie W
- 12-13 Boys - Tyler P

Open Girls - Kaitlyn M - Girls

- 16 Girls - Kaitlyn M
- 15 Girls - Erin C
- 14 Girls - Brooke D
- 12 - 13 Girls - Ebony M

Term 1 Sport Dates

MARCH

2nd March - Sandhurst Division (district) Swimming Carnival
Bendigo Aquatic Centre

10th March - Year 9/10 Sports Day
(Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, T-Ball)

17th March - WCB Athletics Throwing Events
Bendigo Athletics Complex

24th March - WCB Athletics Carnival
Bendigo Athletics Complex

25th March - Year 7/8 Sports Day
(Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, T-Ball)

1st April - Year 7/8/9 Girls Football
Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator



BENDIGO YMCA HARRIERS ATHLETICS

An Invitation by the Bendigo YMCA Harriers to any Weeroona College Students, families or staff members who would like to participate in the Club's 2011 Cross Country season. The Cross Country season will commence on Saturday April 16 at 2.00 pm. at Beischer Park on the corner of Mclvor Highway and Crook Street.



A range of events will be held from 500 metres to 5kms where you can run, jog or walk and will be followed by a BBQ. We would like to see you there to participate in a family focused activity aiming at fitness, but most of all to have fun.

Any students considering doing the Energy Vehicles Program would benefit from this activity and be used as a part of their training schedule. Also a reminder to students the Bendigo Bank Dragon Mile will be held on Easter Sunday April 24. The college will be again entering teams where the college has been successful in the past winning team events.

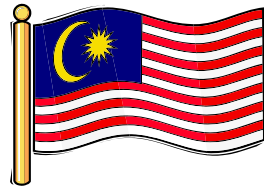
For more information on the Bendigo YMCA Harriers and Cross Country you may contact Miss. Purden or Ivan Kitt at Weeroona College.

Miss. Purden & Ivan Kitt

MALAYSIA TRIP

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

As part of our Indonesian language and culture program we are offering you a trip of a life time, a tour of Malaysia. Malaysia is a neighbour of Indonesia, with similar language and culture of the Indonesian people. Weeroona College Bendigo has not been on such a tour for 4 years and is very excited to be offering you this fantastic opportunity.



We are offering this up to students of Years 8-10. Those that are studying Indonesian will get first preference, although, anyone wishing to come, can afford to come and has an excellent attendance and work ethic is welcome. You may have a parent or Guardian accompany us if they can provide us with a working with children certificate.

Our initial Itinerary is coming in at around \$2,200, however, this may not be the final costing or an accurate account of our destination. We may also have other schools join us in our trip to help increase our numbers and reduce the costs. We will also need to carry out many fundraising activities to help lower the cost of this trip for all. These may include sausage sizzles, chocolate drives and any other suggestions we feel may be suitable.

We will be having an **Information night on the 8th March at 7pm in Wannop** for all of those interested in attending. After our information night I will need those interested to put **\$500 deposits into the office by 18th March** to secure a place and ensure I have sufficient numbers to continue planning the trip.

I look forward to answering any further questions and providing you with more information on our information session.

Sarah Smith
LOTE DLG Leader

COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM

There are many services and programs in and around Bendigo that can support parents in their sometimes very challenging task of parenting their children under varying circumstances. Below are some of the upcoming programs being offered by Centacare, Baxter St., Bendigo. Ph 54381300.

What is the Family Education Service?

Our service offers a range of programs and workshops for individuals, couples, parents, children, young people and families. We deliver all workshops and programs throughout the region and can tailor a workshop or program to meet your specific needs. Call us at CentaCare on 5438 1300 or Free Call: 1800 461 444.

General Parenting / Sibling Relationships Workshop

This two hour workshop will look at the reasons why children have conflict and what we can do to help strengthen their relationships with one another. When: Wednesday 16th March. Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm. Where: CentaCare Bendigo, 176 McCrae St. Contact Colleen or Prue to register or for further information on 5438 1300.

Tuning in to Kids—Parenting Program

Would you like to learn how to: Be better at talking with your child? Be better at understanding your child? Help your child learn to manage their feelings and emotions? Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child? Teach your child to deal with conflict? Tuning in to Kids is a six session parenting program for mums, dads and carers to help you to teach your children about their emotions and how to manage them. This helps them to be able to calm themselves down, manage feelings such as fear and anger and deal with conflict with others.

Due to the popularity of this program CentaCare will be running both an evening group and a morning group this term. Bendigo Community Health will be running an afternoon group. Please see details below for all Term 1 Tuning in to Kids programs in Bendigo. Contact Paula or Tracee at Bendigo Community Health Family Services to register or for further information on 54 300 500.

Adolescence

The NEW Parenting Teenagers component of the Raising Children Network offers ideas to help you understand, encourage and influence your teen's development and movement towards greater independence. There are great articles on Teen Independence, Cyber bullying, Sleep, Mental Health and many more. So check it out at www.raisingchildren.net.au.

Separation

Separation is a difficult time for everyone in the family. This term we are offering two separate programs: one for Mums and one for Dads who have separated. Those who come along will be given the opportunity to talk with others who are going through a similar experience, talk about their kids and what to do as parents to support them.

Parenting after Separation for Mums

When: Begins Wednesday 16th February for 4 weeks.

Time: 9.30am—11.30am (morning tea provided).

Where: CentaCare Bendigo, 176 McCrae St.

Contact Amanda or Ky to register or for further information on 5438 1300.

Parenting after Separation for Dads

When: Begins Monday 21st March for 3 weeks.

Time: 6pm-8pm (light dinner provided).

Where: CentaCare Bendigo, 176 McCrae St.

Contact Jeremy or Prue to register or for further information on 5438 1300.

Colleen and Ky from our Cooperative Parenting Program are also available to support parents who have separated. Other Agencies such as Bendigo Community Health Service and St Luke's also offer a range of services designed to help support young people and families.

Sue Bull
College Support Team Coordinator

CANTEEN

The Canteen opening hours have now changed. The Canteen will now open at 8.30am each day to take lunch orders and sell over the counter foods. There will not be a special breakfast menu to purchase.

HOT FOOD

School Potato Pies	\$1.90
School Sausage Roll	\$1.70
Vegetable Pastie	\$3.00
Gillie's Pie	\$3.00
Spring Rolls	\$2.20
Hot Dogs	\$2.20
Hot Dogs with cheese	\$2.50
Pizza Singles	\$2.00
Pizza Roundas	\$2.20
Dim Sims	.80
1 Dim Sim in roll	\$1.60
2 Dim Sim in roll	\$2.20
3 Dim Sim in roll	\$3.00
Chicken Chippees sml	\$2.20
Chicken Burgers	\$3.70
Fantastic Noodles	\$2.30
Hot Chick. Roll/gravy	\$3.70
Hot Lamb Roll/gravy	\$3.70
Nachos	\$2.80
Chicken Chilli Wrap	\$3.70
Milo, Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
Lamb Souvlaki	\$3.70
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$3.70
Vegetable Lasagne	\$3.70
Soup	\$1.50

COLD FOOD

Buttered roll	\$1.00
Salad Rolls –ham or chicken	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich – ham or chicken	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	\$2.80
Salad Wrap – ham or chicken	\$3.50
Small Fruit Pack	\$1.80
Large Fruit Pack	\$2.40

DRINKS

600 ml Flavoured Milk	\$2.70
250 ml Flavoured Milk	\$1.50
300 ml Apple Juice	\$1.50
300 ml Orange Juice	\$1.50
200 ml Just Juice – assorted flavours	\$1.00
600 ml Water	\$1.20
450 ml Sprite Zero	\$2.20
450 ml Coke Zero	\$2.20

500 ml Vitamin Water	\$2.50
600 ml Mineral Water	\$2.20
750 ml Pump Water	\$2.30

ICE CREAMS

Cruncha	.70
Slushy	\$1.50
Paddle Pops	\$1.20
Paddle Pop Thick Shake	\$2.00
Pine Lime Splice	\$2.00
Mini Calipo	.80
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.70
Icy Pole	.90
Zooper Dooper	.50
Zing	.60
Moosies	\$1.00

HEALTH

Yoghurts	\$2.00
Pieces of fruit	.80

SNACKS

Chips – Honey Soy Chicken	\$1.00
Large Chips	\$1.50
Assorted Cakes	\$2.00
Milo Bars	\$1.00
School Straps	.60
Donuts	\$1.60

SUSHI

On Tuesday and Thursday only (MUST be ordered the day before).

Sushi Rolls \$2.20/roll

Salmon / Avocado, Tuna Mayo,
Teriyaki Chicken, Veg / Tofu, Prawn Mayo

Rice Paper Rolls \$2.50

Chicken, Vegetable, Prawn

Inari Pockets \$2.80

Seaweed, Avocado, Teriyaki Chicken,
Lime Tuna, Prawn Mayo

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria

For all schools and principals

S074-2011 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) – Processing Reminder

Main Points

- Schools are reminded that the closing date for parents to lodge EMA applications is 28 February 2011 and that the closing date for schools to process applications is 11 March 2011.
- The EMA web system has been upgraded for 2011 to incorporate the use of modern web technology.
- Training resources for EMA administrators, including a user guide and online training modules for the upgraded system can be downloaded from the [EMA website](#). Comprehensive online help is also available in the EMA system.

Actions Required

- Schools are reminded of the need to advertise EMA eligibility to parents.
- Training resources for EMA administrators, including a user guide and online training modules for the upgraded system can be downloaded from the [EMA website](#). Comprehensive online help is also available in the EMA system.
- Applications are required to be entered onto the EMA system by 11 March in order to meet the first scheduled payment run on 15 March 2011.

Critical Dates

- **28 February 2011** – closing date for parents to lodge EMA applications.
- **11 March 2011** – closing date for schools to enter EMA applications onto the EMA web system.
- **Mid March 2011** – parents who have chosen to be paid by EFT into their bank account will receive their payment from mid March onwards.
- **Late March 2011** – for parents who have chosen the cheque payment option, cheques will be posted to schools from late March onwards.

Additional Information

- Late applications cannot be accepted unless there are special circumstances beyond the control of the parent which contributed to late lodgement of the form.
- Late lodged applications which are accepted by the school must be faxed to the EMA Unit on 9637 2224 for consideration, together with a supporting letter from the school outlining the special circumstances which exist.
- Communication materials to assist schools with advertising EMA to parents is available for download from the EMA website. This includes translated materials.
- EMA support for schools:
 - **Web:** <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/financial/ema/>
 - **Email:** ema@edumail.vic.gov.au
 - **Phone:** EMA processing enquiries should be directed to the DEECD Service Desk by telephone 1800 641 943 or via the Service Gateway at <http://servicedesk.education.vic.gov.au>

Claire Britchford
Chief Finance Officer
Financial Services Division

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2011 Consent Form

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development wishes to collect from schools the names and schools of students participating in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2011. This information is required for the purpose of conducting the Challenge and printing certificates of achievement for students who meet the Challenge. The information is to be provided to the Department via a secure website, and it will be kept confidential in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.

Consent is sought from students and parents for the provision and collection of this information by schools and the Department respectively.

Consent is also sought for the publishing of successful students' names in the Premier's Reading Challenge Achievers Honour Roll in The Age following the conclusion of the 2011 Premier's Reading Challenge.

If you have any concerns about providing the information requested please email readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au. All queries will remain confidential.

Details of the Challenge are available at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

PLEASE NOTE:

SECTION 1 of the consent form below must be signed for a student to participate in the Challenge and receive a Certificate of Achievement.

SECTION 2 of the consent form below is optional. This section should be signed to give permission for a student's name to be published in the Premier's Reading Challenge Achievers Honour Roll in The Age following the conclusion of the 2011 Premier's Reading Challenge.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
(Insert full name)

SCHOOL: _____ CLASS: _____

SECTION 1: Consent to enter the Challenge and print certificate

I have read the statement above and give permission for my/my child's name to be entered in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge for 2011 and printed on a certificate.

Signed: _____ (Parent/guardian) Date: _____
----- (print name)

Signed: _____ (Student) Age: _____ yrs Date: _____

SECTION 2: Consent to publish name

I have read the statement above and consent to publication of my/my child's name in the 2011 Premier's Reading Challenge Achievers Honour Roll.

I understand that if I wish to withdraw this authorisation prior to publication it will be my responsibility to inform the Reading Challenge Coordinator at my child's school on or before 16 September 2011.

Signed: _____ (Parent/guardian) Date: _____
----- (print name)

Signed: _____ (Student) Age: _____ yrs Date: _____