

## Contacts 2011

**Personal Difficulties**  
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Jason Bysouth / Bree Franks

**Merin (C Wing)**  
**Learning Community**  
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**Kappen**  
**Learning Community**  
Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

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

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**Merin** MCE Christine Edgar  
MCH Christine Henty  
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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LCJ Carolyn Jones  
LCN Chris Novak  
LDA Dianne Andrea  
LGD Geoff Dempster  
LJG Jaime Gray  
LJM Jill McKenzie  
LMA Mark Adams  
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WMH Meryl Hayes  
WRL Ron Llewelyn  
WRJ Raelene Jeffrey  
WSS Sarah Smith  
WTC Tarli Capicchiano  
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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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KPO Paul O'Shea  
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**School wide issues, emergencies etc**

**Principal:**  
Leanne Preece

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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

#### March

14th:: Labour Day Public Holiday  
21st—23rd:: Year 7 Campaspe Downs Camp  
25th:: School Council—7pm

#### 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

The next part of our new school is progressing. Some 12 months after moving into stage one of our new school, we have half of our students and staff based in the new buildings and stage 2A of the building program well underway. As the building program progresses, our focus is on personalising the learning for each student through high quality teaching and learning, targeted goal setting and ongoing monitoring of individual progress. 2011 has begun smoothly with each student and their parents meeting with their teacher advisor and I again thank you for your part in this.

We are really pleased with the take up of Netbooks through the eLearning contribution which enabled us to establish a 1:1 learning environment for all our year 5 to 10 students. We believe that ICT (Information Communication Technology) - rich learning and teaching opportunities will help us increase student engagement and achievement as students integrate the technology into their everyday work.

As stage 2A of the building program advances, excitement is building about the possibilities that a third Learning Community (Merin), the new gym and a design, creativity and technology centre will offer. These buildings are expected to be completed by the end of Term Two and as you drive along Napier Street, you can see the gym in place. When complete, this facility will incorporate a full-sized basketball court, outdoor courts, change rooms storage areas and a multipurpose studio, providing a fantastic sports complex for school and community use.

The design, creativity and technology centre will also broaden the opportunities available to young people keen to pursue school-based trades training. This specialist facility will be fitted out with industry standard equipment tailored to studies in metals, woodwork, automotive, building, systems and control and textiles and manufacturing, while an enclosed outdoor project yard will cater for large scale projects. It will support the new vocational education and training courses that we are offering and will give students a great foundation for a range of post-school pathways whether that be university, further technical training or accredited trade qualifications.

I look forward to reporting on further developments in the next update.

### Year 7 Welcome BBQ

It was terrific to welcome so many of our New Year seven students and their families to our school for a BBQ on Wednesday night despite the weather. A great opportunity for students to introduce their parents to their new teachers and new friends.

A big thank you to staff for your support and to all those parents who assisted with the packing up.



*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 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9.30am. It will involve year 7 and Year 10 students.

Subsequent Immunisation dates are-

- Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>- Yr 7 girls only
- Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>- Yr 7 girls & boys.

Any queries need to be directed to the General Office.

Immunisation cards will be distributed to students when they arrive.

*Helen Tuohy*  
 Assistant Principal

## FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

### Absence Line

Please note the phone number to directly call the college absence line (to leave a message) is 4433 4911. It would be appreciated if parents could directly phone this number to report a student absence.

### 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. 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

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.

## PATHWAYS UPDATE

Workplace Learning Coordinators available to help find Work Placement. (*Structured Workplace Learning, School Based Apprenticeship or Work Experience*)

Work placement is a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn more about careers and the world of work. In particular, Structured Workplace Learning for students completing VET studies as part of their Year 10, 11 and 12 is critical in developing skills and industry knowledge relevant to their field of study.

Workplace Learning Coordinators have been established by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) across the State to support students and schools in finding placements and in the Goldfields Region has appointed CVGT as the Workplace Learning Coordinator.

If you need help to find a placement during 2011 then contact Julie Jane on 0447 100 721 Email: [jjane@cvgt.com.au](mailto:jjane@cvgt.com.au) or Warren Roberts 0447 100 722 Email: [wroberts@cvgt.com.au](mailto:wroberts@cvgt.com.au) Workplace Learning Coordinators, CVGT.



## MUSIC NEWS

Seventy-two students have enrolled into the Weeroona College Bendigo Instrumental Music program. They are to be commended for taking on an additional area of learning and we wish them every success. All students should have

received a letter outlining what is required to ensure a smooth transition into this program.

If your child has not been contacted yet, met their teacher, received a timetable and had a couple of lessons, please let us know and we will act upon it immediately.

A reminder that the BIMP (Bendigo Instrumental Music Program) fee of \$120 is now due and any instrument hire costs.

### Junior Band

Starts Tuesday 29th March, at 8.00am in the A.T Dingle Performance Centre. All instrumental music students are required to attend.

*Mrs Johnston*  
 Music Coordinator

## PRODUCTION NEWS

### Sheerluck Holmes

Auditions are currently taking place for our bi annual show called Sheerluck Holmes. It is based on the 1800's English character Sherlock Holmes. It is an exciting script with many roles from one line to more than 100 lines. We are looking for students to be pirates, policemen, Jack the Rippers and Chinese workers. The music is catchy and easy to learn, ranging from solo's to duets and whole cast ensembles. A fun time is to be had by all and we look forward to working with your child over the coming months.

Get your audition forms now from the music office.

*Ms Henty and Mrs Johnston*  
 Production Coordinators

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE NEWS



### Sleep & Staying Healthy

Hi, I am the school nurse Sarah. This newsletters topic will be focusing on the importance of sleep and staying healthy.

How many times do you want to stay up late at night and just don't want to wake up in the morning? How many times do you get nagged to get out of bed for school? How many times do you feel tired during the day or during class?

Teens need about **9 hours** of sleep per night. This doesn't mean going to bed at 3am and waking at lunch time the next day. Remember getting a good night's sleep is important for maintaining good health. Sleeping problems can leave you feeling irritable and lacking energy. If this goes on for too long, depression and anxiety can occur. Here are a few tips you can do to improve your sleep so your mind and body can recharge.

- Try and get to sleep at the same time every night.
- Switch off loud TV, music, computers, mobile phones half an hour before you go to sleep.
- Turn the lights off.
- Use a radio alarm clock properly.
- Keep your room tidy so you feel calm and not distracted (mum will be calmer too).
- Have a bath/shower before bed to relax you.
- Don't have drinks with caffeine in them after 6pm at night. It could keep you awake.
- Don't have long sleeps during the day – a short power nap of 15-20 minutes will revive you but a longer nap could make you feel worse.

There are many other options and tips on how to have a better night's sleep. For further information please see myself or you can visit the following sites;

- Beyond Blue. [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)
- Headspace. [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)
- ReachOut.com [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)
- Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800 or [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

*Sarah Warburton*  
School Nurse

## YEAR 10 RUGBY TOPS

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

## WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

### 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premier's Reading Challenge

We have lots of students who have already registered for this year's Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge and look forward to many more students registering and reading some fantastic books in 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. Consent forms are also available in the Library

MOST POPULAR WEERONA READS IN FEBRUARY		
1		by Morris Gleitzman
2	Shiver	by Maggie Stiefvater
3	Skulduggery Pleasant : Playing with Fire	by Derek Landy
4	Percy Jackson: Battle of the Labyrinth	by Rick Riordan
5	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	by Rick Riordan

*Janine Payne*

## 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 County 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, 1km and 3.5km 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.

Membership fees:

- Family: \$70.00 (no limit of members)
- Open: \$40.00
- Junior (under 20): \$25.00

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*

## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 9 & 10 Tennis

Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March WCB had 15 year 9/10 students participate in the VSSSA Tennis competition held at the Bendigo Bank Tennis Complex. Competition was tough which saw BSE girls and Girton Boys winning the event. All students' efforts were commendable.

Seed 1 Girls (Abby P, Hannah P and Kellie F) had a great battle against Girton. Seed 3 Girls (Melinda McG and Freya F) also enjoyed a good game against Girton with Melinda improving on her serve.

The boys team had a little trouble with their racquets. Justin Frost (seed 1) lost control whilst returning a fast and hard serve and sum what bent the end of his competition racquet, while Corey Tanner (seed 2) broke two strings early in the series.

All students had a great day of competition and were served a lovely lunch compliments of the Molly Sandlers and Kel Pell cups both have long history in Bendigo tennis.

Great efforts to all participants who represented the school.

### Year 9 & 10 Cricket

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March saw WCB begin their year 9 & 10 cricket campaign at Catholic College Junortoun.

WCB were drawn to play Girton Grammar in their first game. Batting first WCB made a competitive 6/89 in their allocated overs. Liam O (who batted with urgency) compiled a well crafted 20. Matt B made a fine 16 n/o, with Luke P and Lachy B making 12 each, Mark B also made 10.

WCB fielded in an exemplary manner. All players listed to the defined instructions of experienced local cricket identity Barry Findlay. Girton finished with a total of 6/69, ultimately this saw Weeroona win the game by 20 runs. Better bowling efforts included Corey D with great figures of 4 for 6, Klaus N produced figures of 3 for 6 and Adrian H picked up 2 for 9.

WCB second game saw them take on Bendigo South East 2. WCB continued their fine line and allocated 18 overs. Bendigo South East finished with a total of 75 for 3. WCB fielded in an excellent manner keeping the opposition to a conservative 3 for 75. If WCB could bat in a sensible manner, the chasing total was attainable. Wicket takers were Harry W 2/10 and Klaus N 1 for 21.

WCB started strongly with Mitch T scoring 25 and Liam O Batting well with 11. WCB ultimately passed BSE 2 score at 3 wickets down. Harry W produced a rapid fire 20 n/o with Matt B compiling 16 n/o. WCB eventually score 6 for 112. A conclusive victory.

These Results have seen WCB now drawn to play Crusoe College with the winner to represent the Sandhurst Division in the School Sport Victoria Competition.

### Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival

March the 2<sup>nd</sup> saw the Sandhurst Division Swimming carnival held at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre.

All Weeroona students competed in a fine manner with a lot of effort. Billie R competed in the under 14 girls diving on the day and got 2<sup>nd</sup> place and will now represent the district in the Loddon Mallee region swimming and diving championships to be held at Swan Hill on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### Essendon Footballers Come and Visit

Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March saw a class of Weeroona College Bendigo students have the opportunity to meet two of Essendon's Footballers.

Michael Hibberd and David Myers came and represented Essendon Football Club to speak to our students about their lifestyle as footballers, expectations as role models, nutrition and fitness and much more. Our students gained a lot from these players.

Students then had a kick of the football with Michael and David which gave them a chance to have one on one conversation with the players.

It was a great experience to all students involved.



### Term 1 Sport Dates

#### MARCH

**17<sup>th</sup> March** - WCB Athletics Throwing Events  
Bendigo Athletics Complex

**24<sup>th</sup> March** - WCB Athletics Carnival  
Bendigo Athletics Complex

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

**1<sup>st</sup> April** - Year 7/8/9 Girls Football  
Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – Bill Turner Cup Soccer – W C B vs. BSE at Epsom

**8<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 9 & 10 Boys Cricket – Sandhurst Division Final –  
W C B vs. Crusoe College

*Shawn McCormick*  
Sports Coordinator

## RISK OF ILLNESSES DUE TO MOSQUITO BORNE VIRUSES

In light of the recent floods in Victoria, there has been an increase in the population of mosquitoes and there is a risk that illnesses due to mosquito borne viruses will start to occur.

DEECD believes it is timely to revisit some general advice about protecting children and young people from mosquitoes, particularly in flood affected areas.

### Prevention

There are 2 broad guidelines for prevention:

**Avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes by limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk where possible.**

Mosquito control around the home or school:

- Reduce available breeding areas for mosquitoes, particularly still, shallow water (e.g. in pot plants, car tyres, etc) where possible.
- Check insect screens on windows and doors.
- Eliminate mosquitoes found inside buildings.

### Health advice – what to look out for and what to do

It is important that parents and the school community are alert to the possibility of an illness as a result of a mosquito bite in students or children. A child may show signs of a high temperature, feeling unwell or lethargic and may also experience nausea, vomiting and dizziness. Parents or guardians are advised that they should take their child to a general practitioner for further advice and care.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Saver Plus**

The impact of Saver Plus in Bendigo:

*"It has always been difficult to find the money to pay for the kid's booklists. This year, it was a huge help to have the matched \$500 to pay for my son's camp."* This parent has been one of the first in Bendigo to receive financial assistance for school costs through Saver Plus.

*"For me and my wife, our children's education is a number one priority. We have and will always try our best to fulfil our children's education needs. Every time school starts there are always big expenses for books, stationary, etc. Through the Saver Plus program, I've learned that by monthly saving (setting aside a certain amount of money in a separate account) we can fulfil this need without stress."* This parent has a child starting year 7 this year, and one starting Year 11. They joined Saver Plus last year, and have just received \$500 to help pay for their book lists.

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ. It is delivered in Bendigo by Haven; Home, Safe

(formerly Loddon Mallee Housing Services). Saver Plus offers families an opportunity to have their savings matched dollar for dollar up to \$500, with the matched funds to help out with school expenses such as books, uniforms, camps, computers etc. Please see the attached flyer for eligibility details.

**Contact: Sam Taylor, Haven Bendigo on 5444 9082, 0409 909 554 or [sam.taylor@haven.org.au](mailto:sam.taylor@haven.org.au)**

### **Celebration Of Bendigo North Primary School - 2011**

Bendigo North Primary School is now a campus of Lightning Reef Primary School. In November of 2011 we will be celebrating Bendigo North Primary School with a special day. Mr Noel Ridge, an ex student and a committee has commenced the planning of this celebration. Noel Ridge is currently collating all the history of the school. It would be appreciated if some former students of Bendigo North could join the organising group. Interested students may contact Mrs. Sue Baeck via the Lightning Reef Nolan street campus (formally Bendigo North Primary School) on 5443 3645 or email the school address.

### **Understanding Dyslexia**

Informative seminar for parents, teachers and student support staff presented by Dr Daryl Greaves - Educational Psychologist on Tuesday 22 March - Arrive by 7.15 for a 7.30pm start at Catholic Education Centre, 120 Hargreaves St Bendigo.

Cost: \$5 Families/ Concession/ University Students.

\$40 professionals including a certificate of attendance.

Bookings are Essential Contact: Michelle Peebles at St Luke's 5440 1100

## 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](mailto:readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au). All queries will remain confidential.

Details of the Challenge are available at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

# IDEAS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN

Read the news paper together.

Watch the news with your child and discuss what's happening.

Ask your child to write the shopping list.

Look in your child's WCB Learning Journal (diary) to see what work needs to be

Read a book or magazine together. Discuss it.

Ask your child to show you the WCB web site or other websites.

Encourage your child to read the directions to you from a map when driving.

Plan a trip or an outing together.

Read aloud **EVERY** day.