

Contacts 2011

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull
Chaplain: Katie Sargent
College Nurse: Sarah Warburton

Absences: (03) 4433 4911

Katyl (A Wing)
Learning Community
Jason Bysouth / Bree Franks

Merin (C Wing)
Learning Community
Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

Kappen
Learning Community
Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

Wannop
Learning Community
Monica White / Paul Ellis

Advisory Teachers:
Merin MCE Christine Edgar
MCH Christine Henty
MCT Christine Toose
MHP Helen Peppink
MJS Jean Stephens
MKD Karen Dale
MLS Leigh Schroeter
MRJ Ron James/Leanne Miller (Fridays)
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston

Katyl 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
WQU Linda Quarrier/Monica White (Fridays)
WCN Chloe Neath

Kappen KAA Alan Aylward
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
KPO Paul O'Shea
KRC Ryan Currie
KSH Stephen Hocking

School wide issues, emergencies etc

Principal:
Leanne Preece

Assistant Principal:
Helen Tuohey

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 Term 1....

Calendar

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

May

2nd:: School Council
5th:: Student Achievement Conferences—after school from 4.30pm—7.30pm
6th:: Student Achievement Conferences—9am—1pm
(No classes on this day)

Absence Line: 4433 4911

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

David Hopkins

Professor David Hopkins, who visited our school last year, spent last Friday at Weeroona College Bendigo observing classes with myself and other members of the leadership team and working with us on Powerful Learning a Secondary School Approach and the next steps in improving teaching and learning at our school. David is an excellent educator who has acted as a critical friend to the school for the last 6 months and influenced the teaching and learning direction at the school. After our class visits in David commented on the purposeful teaching that was occurring. We are very fortunate to have him supporting our school in our desire to improve student learning outcomes for all of our students.

College Council Elections

I am pleased to announce that at the close of nominations, the nominations matched the number of vacancies for College Council at Weeroona College Bendigo. As such I am able to declare elected the following parents: Andrew Pollock, Len Sheridan, Andrew Smith and Robert White. I thank these parents very much for their interest in being involved and they will join Shane Jones, Leanne Oberin, Leigh Randall and Anita Whittle, as our parent representatives on our College Council. I welcome Ron Llewelyn and Tim McInnes as DEECD employee members who join existing DEECD members Jason Bysouth and Sonya Fergus.

At our meeting on Monday night we agreed on the cooption of the following community members for our council for 2011 - Jacoba Perryman representing the WCB Parents Club and Tori B as student representative. Congratulations go to the following office bearers for the 2011- 2012 year:
WCB College Council President: Leanne Oberin
WCB College Council Vice President: Leigh Randall
WCB College Council Treasurer: Ron Llewelyn

We also enjoyed an informative presentation on the Ultranet presented by our Network Ultranet coach – Steve O'Connor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following outgoing members of council who have contributed greatly to our school through their involvement in College Council: Gay Huggard, Kate Nannested, Michelle Stevenson, Whensday Shearman and Helen Tuohy.

Year 7 Camp – Campaspe Downs Resort, Kyneton

In our endeavour to ensure that our year seven students are welcomed to our school and have opportunities to get to know each other and our staff, we held a very successful camp over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. I had the pleasure of visiting the camp on Monday and enjoyed participating in some of the terrific activities with everyone. A huge thank you to Mr Trent Bysouth for his organisation of the camp, to all of the staff who supported

the camp and to all our wonderful year seven students who participated.



Picture - Ms Pilkington with a group about to enjoy rowing on the lake.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Every minute matters

It doesn't matter if I stay home a day a week- DOES IT?

One day a week is four sessions a week, that is 40 sessions a term (10 days) and 160 sessions a year (40 days/5 school weeks). You will struggle to pass your subjects and feel like you don't know what's going on in your classes when you miss that much of school!



Take attendance seriously - When you come to school regularly and get to class on time you are able to do better and will be happier at school.

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- Yr 7 girls & boys.

Any queries need to be directed to the General Office.

Immunisation cards have been distributed and need to be returned to the college by 25th March, 2011. Cards need to be returned even if you are not having an immunisation and need to indicate this.

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 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.

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.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND SCHOOL SOCIAL GUIDELINES - 2011

All current Year 7-10 students of Weeroona College Bendigo are invited to attend the school socials throughout the year unless they fit into one (or more) of the following categories.

- Suspension

Any student who has been suspended (including in-school suspensions) throughout the year is immediately excluded from the socials for the semester that the suspension/s occurred in.

- Lunchtime Detentions

Any student who has received **five or more** lunchtime detentions throughout the semester is excluded from attending the socials for that semester.

- Weekend/ After School Detentions

Any student who has received two or more weekend/after school detentions is excluded from attending the socials for that semester.

- Unsubmitted Work

Any student who has not submitted all class work to a standard that is acceptable to the classroom teacher is excluded from attending the socials until that work is submitted. The submission of overdue work must be made at least two days prior to the social to enable the teacher time to check that the standard of work is in line with the abilities of the student.

- "It's My School Too"

Any student whose name does not appear on the 'It's My School Too' board will be excluded from attending the social. This may be due to a personal decision by the student to not pledge their support to the statement *'All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.'* or that the student's name has been removed from the board due to their behavior not being in line with the pledge they have made.

All of the above exemptions relate to the student failing to make positive contributions to Weeroona College Bendigo either academically and/or socially.

PATHWAYS UPDATE - WORK EXPERIENCE

All of our year 10 students will participate in the work experience program this year.

Students not going on camp will complete one week of work experience on from 27th June to the 1st July. Students going on camp must have a placement organised for the second week of the holidays, 11th July to the 15th July before their final camp attendance is approved. Individual camp students who are unable to complete this placement in the second week of the holidays, for valid reasons, may complete work experience in week nine of term 2 (20th June to 24th June) or week 1 of term 3 (18th July to 22nd July).

Miss Breannon Hodge has been employed as a Pathways Assistant. She will be working with me to support the Work Experience and Transition Program. Students have been issued with information packages over the last couple of weeks. If your son or daughter has misplaced this or has been absent please have them collect another from the Pathways Office in B wing as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about work experience or any other Pathways or Career matters please do not hesitate to contact the Pathways Office at the college.

Linda Quarrier
Pathways Coordinator

RACV TRANSMISSION PROGRAM

In the class risky business we are currently working on the RACV transmission program. It involves a group of 4-5 students to analyse a road safety issue focused on younger drivers. We are to identify and investigate the issue and present it in a storyboard with a script. This is so it can be developed into a 30 second Community Service Announcement suitable for TV. The best selected entry will be screened on Channel 7 and WIN television. Our group is focusing on is 'Speak up and look out for your mates'.

Max S, Pharoah A, Jamie H, Adrian H, Kyle W

Have you ever heard of RACV Transmission? Ever thought about how bad a car crash really is? Well RACV Transmission is the program to help you realise how serious this really is. This program is based on a class project which requires students in years 9 to 12 to research a road safety issue related to young road users. These students develop and make up a community service announcement for television that will be screened on Channel 7 in Melbourne on Win TV in rural Victoria.

Students have to select one of the road safety topics and investigate on how it impacts on people; they also have to research and gather data and evidence to support their development on their presentation of the road safety message. They then also have to create a storyboard and script.

The Issue my group is doing is about drink driving and how teenagers go against the rules and put others in great danger when they get behind the wheel of a car drunk, then try to pressure people into getting in the car with them.

As a class we are hoping to get this message through to the rest of the school, and hope you will support us through this experience.

By Maree B- Risky Business Class.

Group includes- Carli, Abby, Hannah, Sarah, Mia, & Sherene

Transmission program

Transmission is a project that involves Year 9 & 10 students and they analyse a road safety issue related to young road users. These people make a community service announcement for T.V. and the winning entry gets to be on Channel 7 in metropolitan Melbourne and WIN TV in rural Victoria.

Through the program students will:

Pick a one of the road safety topics and investigate the impact. Communicate safe and responsible road use and attitudes to the target audience.

Present their concept using a storyboard and script

Their aims will be to:

Improve road safety attitudes and behaviours among young people. Encourage a young people to develop an interest and commitment to safer road use behaviours

Objectives:

Research the issue and prepare a media production design and will have to be 30 seconds long suitable for television.

Ryan F, Tyson H, Tyler W & Christian K.

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

An increasing number of students have been wearing canvas shoes to Phys Ed. They are dangerous and can result in foot injury.

We ask parents that their child has proper sports shoes for PE. Failure to do so will result in a detention.

PE Department Staff



MUSIC NEWS

Bendigo Colleges' Symphonic Band Fundraising

Please donate non- perishable goods. There is a basket for the goods in the music office. This is to help with costs for their up-coming tour to the National Championships in Adelaide on Friday 22nd – 26th April.

There will be a Gala Fundraising Fair at BSSC on Monday, March 28th, Parents are invited to come and enjoy the entertainment and food stalls from 3.45 onwards. There will be a sausage sizzle and more performances after our band plays at 4.15pm. The Symphonic Band will be performing the items for the Championship, at 7.15pm March 28th at BSSC.

Junior band rehearsals start this coming Tuesday morning at 8.00am in the Performing Arts building.

It is mandatory for all new Year 7 instrumental students (guitars exempted) . Please bring your instrument, a folder, a pencil and an eraser.

Our Senior Band has two upcoming events. It will perform on Monday March 28th at the James King Hall (BSSC). The performance will be at 4.15pm approx. and the second performance is on Thursday March 31st at the Strath Haven Retirement Village. Students will perform at 2.15pm. There will be no morning rehearsal on this day.

The Bendigo College Symphony Orchestra will be involved with 3 day workshops in Castlemaine on April 6th, 7th and 8th.

Music Fees

As mentioned at the information evening, the fees of \$120 for BIMP (Bendigo Instrumental Music Program) are due by the end of this term. Lessons will cease if fees are not paid. If there are difficulties with this please contact the music department.

Hiring fees are as follows:-

- \$120 Brass and Woodwind
- \$80 Violins
- \$50 Percussion
- \$20 Guitar

Mrs Johnston
Music Coordinator

PARENTS' CLUB

On Wednesday the 16th of March Parents Victoria conducted a "Communication and Relationships are the Key" free forum at Big Hill PS. Many Bendigo schools were represented by staff and parents.

Maxine Anderson and Gay Huggard from Weeroona College Parents Club attended this informative session. As members of Parents Victoria our club receives regular updates on educational issues and has the opportunity to participate in the Online conference and have members attend the annual two day conference held by Parents Victoria in Melbourne. Parents Club at Weeroona College has always focused on providing parents an opportunity to gain information about what's happening at Weeroona College or raise issues you may have. Each meeting the principal Leanne Preece or another staff member is invited to attend. The club also provides a social opportunity where you can meet other parents and staff at the College. At the March meeting we meet Sarah Warburton the school nurse who attended our meeting and discussed her role at Weeroona College.

For many years our club has coordinated fund raising events which has provided funds for many students focused purchases, however this year our main focus will be the construction of a brick BBQ in the college grounds with the area surrounding to be landscaped with the Selkirk named pavers that have been purchased by past and present students and staff. The opportunity still exists to purchase a named paver for \$30. The order form can be down loaded from the college website. The next Parents Club meeting will be held on Wednesday the 6th of April at 9.15 am in the conference room and an invitation is extended to all parents and guardians to come along and be part of Weeroona College Bendigo. Tea and coffee provided.

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

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE...

STAYING HEALTHY

Hi, staying healthy is important for everybody. You can do this by looking after your body by:

- Exercising regularly.
- Eating well.
- Getting regular sleep.
- Reducing stress.

Teenagers now spend a lot of time in front of the TV & computer. Watching TV, video games and DVDs occupy a big part of people's spare time.

Being physically active improves your strength, fitness and confidence. It also gives you more energy for everyday life, friends, after school activities and school. You can get active in many different ways such as; running, walking, swimming, dancing or playing a team sport. Try something – you never know you may actually enjoy it!

As well as exercising, what you eat can make a huge difference to your mental and physical health.

- Have a wide variety of vegetables and fruits.
- Some lean meat, chicken or fish.
- Dairy products.
- And LOTS OF WATER.

Stress is a normal part of everyday life. However, when your stress is regular and it never seems to end, it can damage your physical and mental health. Try to work out what's troubling you, talk to someone who can help (family, friend or someone at school). A doctor can also help you.

Remember, you don't have to have a strict diet or exercise routine to be healthy. It's a matter of balance and working out a way that suits you. Find a friend who wants to stay healthy as well and plan it together. This can make it more fun and you can motivate each other.

Try not to leave assignments or exam study to the last minute. Organise yourself so you don't stay up too late, include healthy eating and exercise to help you deal with stress.

For further information:

1. Beyond Blue. www.youthbeyondblue.com.au or 1300 224636.
2. Kids Help Line; 1800 55 1800 (free call).
3. Headspace: www.headspace.org.au
4. ReachOut.com: www.reachout.com
5. Community Leader or Advisor, School Welfare Coordinator or School Nurse.

Sarah Warburton
School Nurse

IMPORTANT REMINDER: AEROSOL/DEODORANT USE

The use of aerosol and deodorant cans is banned from Weeroona College Bendigo.

Aerosol cans, when sprayed into the air around someone who suffers from Asthma can be a real danger. Different people have different triggers for their asthma and one of the most common triggers is the use of personal hygiene products such as perfumes, after-shaves, hair sprays and deodorant sprays. If you feel you need to reapply your deodorant at school then it is school policy that you use roll-on anti-perspirants and leave sprays at home.

REMEMBER Asthma is a serious illness and can be life threatening so we must all do our bit to avoid or reduce exposure to known asthma triggers.

For further information you can visit: <http://www.asthma.org.au/>. Or you can speak to your school nurse.

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.