

Contacts 2011

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

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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

Merin
Advisory Teachers:
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:
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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 Term 2....

Calendar

May

10th:: NAPLAN Testing (see page 5)
11th:: NAPLAN Testing
11th: Year 8 Kryal Castle Excursion
12th:: NAPLAN Testing
13th:: Melbourne Museum Excursion
18th:: 2012 Year 7 Information Evening—7pm—Performing Arts Centre
19th:: Out of Uniform Day

June

6th:: College Council—7pm
8th: Year 10 Exams
9th:: Year 10 Exams
10th:: Report Writing Day—No students at school on this day
13th:: Queen's Birthday Holiday
21st:: Year 7 Girls Immunisations
25th:: Year 10 QLD Trip (returns 4th July)
27th June—1st July:: Year 10 Work Experience

July

1st:: Last day Term 2—2.30 pm finish

Absence Line: 4433 4911

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Important message regarding NAPLAN

Next week all Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students across Australia will participate in the NAPLAN Testing Program. Improving student literacy and numeracy skills is a college priority and we want to see our students perform well in these tests and try their very best. Competence in English and Maths is very important and teachers are working hard to help students develop key skills in these areas. This year it is our aim to maximise participation of our students in the NAPLAN to ensure that we have the best possible picture of how students and our school are performing and inform where we need to focus our efforts. The test schedule is outlined later in this newsletter. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school to sit the tests on the following days"

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conversations, Writing

Wednesday 11th May – Reading

Thursday 12th May – Numeracy

Congratulations Bradley M – a champion lawn bowler in our midst

During the holidays Brad was selected to compete in the Under 18 squad championships in lawn bowling in Queensland. Brad played five games and won them all. As a result of his success, Brad has been selected to represent Victoria against Tasmania in July of this year.

Well done Brad.

Tangernang Selatan Indonesian Visit

This week I have learnt that we are again going to be fortunate to host students and teachers from our sister school in Indonesia from 22 June to 26 June. It is hoped that the students will be able to 'shadow' some of our students at school and at home and we are calling for families to volunteer a home stay for our visitors. Please contact Ms Sandra Penna if you can assist us. A terrific opportunity for you and your family.

Leanne Preece
Principal

PARENTS' CLUB

Next Meeting

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held on Wed the 18th of May at 9.15am, in the Conference Room. Parents attending will have the opportunity to participate in the Parents Victoria Online Conference. All college parents and guardians welcome. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a morning tea plate of food to share. 2011 Committee - President Kym Blume, Secretary Joanne Kingdon, Treasurer Gay Huggard. Ph 5441 2715.

Brick BBQ/Selkirk Named Pavers

The Parents Club main focus this year 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 downloaded from the college website.

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**.

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.

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.

STAFF PROFILES

As a way of the College Community getting to know staff, each newsletter will feature profiles of two of our staff members.

Louise Giuliani

Position: [Reception/Finance Assistant](#)

How long you have worked at WCB: [8 years](#)

What you like most about working at WCB: [that every day is different and of course the people I work with who make it fun!](#)

Footy Team you barrack for: [Carlton](#)

Favourite Leisure activities: [Shopping & Travel!](#)

Current book you are reading: [When in Rome.](#)



Ron Llewelyn

Position: [Leading Teacher \(Facilities Manager\)](#)

How long you have worked at WCB: [A long time!](#)

What you like most about working at WCB: [The whole school community.](#)

Footy Team you barrack for: [Collingwood](#)

Favourite Leisure activities: [Working on cars and working in the shed.](#)

Current book you are reading: [Car manuals.](#)



STUDENT NETBOOKS

The following 2 points are taken from the The Acceptable use agreement for digital education revolution which is available on the Weeroona College Bendigo website under Policies.

2.1.1 If taken home, the student must bring portable devices fully charged to school every day. Power cords should be left at home.

2.2.2 Any problems, vandalism, damage, loss or theft of the device must be reported immediately to the school. This includes any unauthorised "personalisation" of the device such as scribing, adding stickers etc.

Netbooks will be required to be in good condition when returned at the end of the year; an exception will be the current year 8 netbooks which will be at the end of a 3 year lease as part of the BEP Netbook trial.

Students in year 8 are reminded that programs they may have installed on their netbooks at home will be uninstalled if the program is used at school and deemed unsuitable.

Geoff Ellett
Learning Technology Leader

DRAMA STUDENTS

Payment for performances - Reminder

Dear Parents/Guardians, As you are aware your child will be attending two drama performances this month.

One on the 17th May 'The Otesha Project' costing \$2.00 and another on the 30th May for the cost of \$6.00. These costs are minimal given the excellent quality of the performances and I am requesting costs are paid promptly. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Christine Henty,
Drama Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Well done to Tiarna who has won some fantastic books in the latest competition on the State Library of Victoria's website insideadog.com.au. We hope Tiarna enjoyed the book her dog Lenny was reading in the photo she sent in to the site.



Premier's Reading Challenge

There is still time to register for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Forms can be collected from the library.

Overdue books

Lots of books have been forgotten over the holidays. Please make sure library books are returned for other students to borrow.

Janine Payne
Librarian

ENERGY VEHICLES

On Easter Sunday, April 24, a group of our college's Energy Vehicle members were involved in the annual Gala parade, held through the streets of Bendigo as part of the Easter carnival. Our aim was to promote the Energy Vehicle program at our school, whilst furthering our college's links to the wider community. During the parade, students rode in our energy vehicles, carried a large banner or handed out brochures which briefly explained what the Energy Vehicle program is about. This was the first year our school had an entry into the parade, with it proving a big success. We hope to enter into another successful parade next year.

By Tori B, Energy Vehicle member.



WEEROONA COLLEGE NETBALL

If any students are interested in playing Saturday netball for Weeroona College, please see Ms Dale. Netball will be played on Saturday afternoons at the Golden City Courts. Training will be held on Wednesday nights at Weeroona College at 3.30pm.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

The term 2 out of uniform day will be on Thursday 19th May. The theme will be Community Colours and cost \$2.00. All money Raised will be donated to Weeroona College Bendigo's Indonesian students who will be visiting Malaysia later in the year.

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Intermediate Soccer

An enthusiastic bunch of Year 9 & 10 girls travelled to Epsom on Tuesday to represent the College in the soccer competition. Despite our lack of experience with the round ball, our superior athleticism and team work was evident as we walloped Girton 5-0, with Jo H bagging a couple of brilliant goals from the edge of the area.

In our second game we came up against Catholic College, who - despite having half a dozen recognised senior soccer players - were fortunate to squeeze a couple of goals past us late in the game. Sarah R laid some big tackles in defence, whilst Alli O was solid in the midfield.

We then progressed to the semi finals where we were unlucky to go down by a couple of goals to eventual champions Bendigo South East. Amy K and Zoe M put plenty of pressure on the BSE defence and were unlucky not to score, whilst Sey M and Bugay ran hard through the midfield.

The team should be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour and positive attitude on the day. Thanks to Sarah L for her assistance as team manager.

Mr J. McIntosh

Year 9/10 Boys Soccer

Tuesday 3rd May saw the Sandhurst Division Year 9/10 Soccer competition take place at the Epsom Soccer Pitch.

The Year 9/10 had a very good day, playing fast free flowing soccer throughout all of their games.

WCB won their initial contest 4-0 against Eaglehawk Secondary College,

The second game saw a titanic struggle with Crusoe College. The end result being 1-1 draw after James Crawley score a sensational goal with seconds to spare.

The cross over final saw WCB triumph 4-0 against Catholic College. This left the final against Bendigo South East College. The game was extremely tight with both teams displaying great skills and game sense. Sadly WCB were defeated 2-1 in the final.

All boys were fantastic in their efforts with Sean G and Adrian H great in defence and Joshua D, James C and Harry W were always dangerous up in attack.

Thanks to each and every individual for their efforts over the course of the day.

Bendigo Bank YMCA Harriers Dragon Mile

Easter Sunday saw the Bendigo Bank YMCA Harriers Dragon Mile staged in Bendigo.

It was again fantastic to have 23 students from Weeroona College Bendigo prepared to give up their time and represent the Harriers in an event staged by one of our Building Stronger Links partners (the Bendigo Harriers Athletics Club).

All students involved in the event were fantastic in their effort. Congratulations to the Year 9/10 Boys team including Matthew C, Ashley T and Luke M who won the team event. Well done to all students who were involved in the event and congratulations to the Bendigo YMCA Harriers who staged a well organised event.

Year 9 and 10 Sports Day – Netball

On Tuesday, 2 Weeroona College Netball teams represented our school in the Year 9/10 sports day, held at Golden City Netball Courts in Bendigo. Congratulations to both teams for displaying a high level of netball ability and maturity on the day.

The Karen coached team of Sarah N, Tori B, Erin B, Sharni C, Grace C, Alice G, Stephanie S, Tabitha M and Abbie H played in some very close games to finish in 5th position.

The Holly coached team of Alyssa K, Stacey T, Kianah G, Shannon M, Nicole R, Chloe H, Chelsea H, Kaitlyn B, Bobbi L and Amy W-Y-M showed great discipline in all their games and a never give up attitude, also finishing the day in 5th position. A fantastic effort by both teams.

Year 9 / 10 Badminton Sports Day

The following students represented the College in Badminton at the BDSSSA Term 2 sports day held last Tuesday 3rd May.

While the boys did not finish in the top four they competed well in every match showing improvement and great sportsmanship over the round robin tournament.

Well done guys!

Jay T, Perrin L, Daniel K, Corey D, Mark B, Max S and Rhys D.

Brian Edebohls

Diving

Congratulations to Ryan K, Year 10, who competed in Diving Competitions at the end of last Term. On 2nd March he came 2nd in the U/16, 21st March came 1st place in Swan Hill & 7th April came 4th at MSAC Melbourne. Well done Ryan.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

Friday 13th May- Bill Turner Cup (Soccer)
 Tuesday 17th May- Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival
 Wednesday 25th May- Yr 7/8 Sports day (Soccer, Badminton, & Girls Netball)

Shawn McCormick
 Sports Coordinator

BSSC OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th May, 11.00am – 2.00pm

Bendigo Senior Secondary College invites prospective students, their families and members of the community to our first Open Day for 2011.

During the past year the college has undergone significant building works, resulting in the new Trade Training Centre, Language Centre, Confucius classroom and English wing. Tours of the college's facilities, led by members of our Student Council will operate regularly throughout the day commencing from the college library.

College Principal, Dale Pearce, will be presenting information sessions for prospective students and their families at 12.00 and 1.00pm. These will be held in the James King Hall.

The Open Day in May provides the community with an opportunity to discuss the extensive academic and vocational options available to our prospective students and families.

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.

CYBER SAFETY

Cyber Safety and awareness of related issues is a high priority for the wellbeing of all in our community.

The Loddon Mallee Cyber Safety Project-Developing Ethical Digital Citizens' has been funded by the **Telstra Foundation** to assist all schools and communities in the Loddon Mallee Region to address the challenges of dealing with cyber safety issues within schools.

Forums are being held across the region. Date, time and venue details are as follows.

Bendigo

Parent & Community Forum

Wednesday 11 May 1.00-2.00pm

Venue: The Foundry Hotel Complex, 366 High St. Bendigo

Parent & Community Forum (Repeat)

Wednesday 11 May 5.00-6.00pm

Venue La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre View St. Bendigo

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bendigo Access Employment

At Bendigo Access Employment, we help students facing a barrier to find a job – like a physical disability, an injury or a mental health issue – to look for part time work while finishing school, or to get a full time job if they want to leave school.

Contact Tom Blake at Bendigo Access Employment on 5445 9875 or 0434 730 704.

KEYS 2 DRIVE

... Helping parents teach their Learner driver

As a parent you may be a good driver; but being able to teach your Learner is not an easy task.

A recent national survey of more than 1,250 parents of Learner drivers found that almost half (45.5%) were nervous or apprehensive when they began teaching their teen how to drive.

keys2drive is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective.

keys2drive is a **free** lesson (involving theory and on-road) delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – most often a parent.

This program, the single largest Learner driver safety program undertaken in Australia, represents a unique and valuable experience for parents and their Learner drivers.

To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit www.keys2drive.com.au



AUSTRALIAN
AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION
(AAA)



Australian Government

The Australian Automobile Association constituent members are the motoring clubs in each State and Territory

WCB NAPLAN Test Schedule 2011

All students should attend Advisory in the morning and then make their way promptly to their test venue with an eraser, a pencil, some water and something to read.

Year Level	Date	Test	Time	Test Venue
Year 3	Tuesday 10 May	Language Conventions	9.30am -10.10am	Socratic Studio 1 - Wannop
		Writing	10.30am -11.10am	
	Wednesday 11 May	Reading	9.30am -10.15am	
	Thursday 12 May	Numeracy	9.30am -10.15am	
Year 5	Tuesday 10 May	Language Conventions	9.30am -10.10am	Socratic Studio 1 - Wannop
		Writing	10.30am -11.10am	
	Wednesday 11 May	Reading	9.30am -10.20am	
	Thursday 12 May	Numeracy	9.30am -10.20am	
Year 7	Tuesday 10 May	Language Conventions	9.30am-10.15am	Learning Neighbourhood 2 - Wannop
		Writing	10.30am -11.10am	
	Wednesday 11 May	Reading	9.30am -10.35am	
	Thursday 12 May	Numeracy – Calculator Test	9.30am -10.10am	
Numeracy – Non calculator test		10.30am – 11.10am		
Year 9	Tuesday 10 May	Language Conventions	9.30am -10.15am	A.T.Dingle Performance Building
		Writing	10.30am -11.10am	
	Wednesday 11 May	Reading	9.30am -10.35am	
	Thursday 12 May	Numeracy – Calculator Test	9.30am -10.10am	
Numeracy – Non calculator test		10.30am – 11.10am		

Please note: students who are exempt or withdrawn will have special arrangements made for them and should check with their teacher advisor.