

## Contacts 2011

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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

23rd:: 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  
(The General Office will be open between 8.30am—11am)

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

### Education Week

This week Government Schools throughout Victoria have celebrated Education week with a range of different activities at schools and kindergartens. Education Week coincided with National Families Week this year, which encourages us to think about the role and importance of family in a child's learning and education journey.

At Weeroona College Bendigo we have had students involved in the Sandhurst District Athletics Carnival and it is always great when parents are able to come along and support their children as they strive for personal excellence, we had students, parents and staff travel to Casey to participate in an Energy Breakthrough competition, today 40 year 9 and 10 students have participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge at La Trobe University and on Wednesday night we welcomed our year 6 parents and families from all of our feeder primary schools at our annual information evening just to name a few of our activities this week.

### "Its My School Too"/ Cyberbullying

As we continue to implement this terrific program that enables and encourages all our students to share and embed the **Belief Statement "All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school Life without being bullied or harassed"**, there are many success stories of students standing up for themselves and others. Equally, we recognise that for some students this is going to take longer for them to get the message and we have a commitment as a staff to continue to support everyone.

We have also recognised that the whole issue of Cyber Bullying via such social sites as Facebook impacts on our students such that often the bullying occurs outside school hours. What is Cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is bullying that is done through the use of technology. For example, using the Internet, a mobile phone or a camera to hurt or embarrass someone is considered cyberbullying. It can be shared widely with a lot of people quickly, which is why it is so dangerous and hurtful. Given that the role of family in a child's learning and education journey we ask that you have these important discussions with your children regarding their internet/ mobile phone activities and we encourage you not to become involved in the bullying.

To support families, we are planning to run workshops with all of our students at school on Cyberbullying and there will be information regarding a parent information session coming up next month.

### Student Attitude to School Survey

Last week all students in Years 5 to 10 completed the Student Attitude to School Survey which measures the student's satisfaction with our school. These results will inform process and practices at the school and is important feedback for us. The results will be available early next term and we will be sharing the summary of these results with parents through the Newsletter when they are available.

### NAPLAN 2011

Also last week all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students completed three days of NAPLAN testing in the areas of English and Mathematics.

All students and teachers implemented the testing in a professional and courteous way providing students with the best opportunity to display their academic achievement. The testing provides important information to the students, families, teachers and school about the performance of students in these key areas and compliment our internal testing practices.

The results will be available to the school at the end of term 3 and we look forward to seeing the progress of our students. We were really pleased with the attendance of our students for these tests and for the way in which our students approached the tests and took them seriously and we thank them and you for your support of this program.

### Weeroona College Bendigo official online site

I wish to inform all members of the Weeroona College Bendigo school community that the only official school online site is to be found at the following address [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au) This means that there are no other online sites officially sanctioned by our school and I would like to remind everyone that you must not engage in activities online that suggest that you are authorised by the school, such as setting up official Facebook pages relating to Weeroona College Bendigo.

Leanne Preece  
Principal

## PARENTS' CLUB

### Parents Club Luncheon

All college parents are welcome to join the parents Club parents for lunch at the All Seasons, McIvor Road, next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12pm.

### Next Meeting

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held on Wed the 8th of June at 9.15am, in the Conference room. All college parents and guardians welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

### 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.

2011 Committee – President - Kym Blume, Secretary - Joanne Kingdon, Treasurer - Gay Huggard. Ph 5441 2715.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au) on Friday's fortnightly. We will send a reminder SMS out to families who have given a mobile number each fortnight. Printed copies are available at the office for any families that do not have access to the internet.

### Leaving the College

Students who need to leave the College during the day **MUST** bring a note signed by a Parent / Guardian to their child's Learning Community Leader or Parents can phone the College to give permission for their child to leave.

It is now a DEECD requirement that when picking up a student from school that identification be shown i.e. Drivers licence. This will be completed at the General Office. Please understand that this is now a directive of the Department of Education for schools, for the protection of your children.

### Late Arrivals

If students come late to school, they **MUST** sign in at the GENERAL OFFICE. They should have a note signed by a Parent / Guardian or a Parent can phone the college letting us know their child is late; otherwise they will be marked 'late unexplained' and you will receive a text message from the college.

### Report Writing Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Please note that the office will only be open 8.30 – 11.00am on this day.

## KEYS PLEASE

### Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> – 7.00pm - Performing Arts Building.

Keys please is a programme run by Vicroads and targets parents and students who are about to, or have already begun the process of learning to drive. Parents should have been sent some information via the post regarding this program and the importance of being well informed when it comes to your child learning to drive and also your role as a supervising driver.

We at Weeroona College feel that this is a most valuable programme and encourage all parents of year 10 students to attend.

## RACV TRANSMISSION PROGRAM

### MELBOURNE TRIP

Congratulations to the following students have won their way into the semi-finals of the RACV Transmission program and are will be attending Etihad Stadium on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, for a workshop which will enable them to refine their submissions for the final judging. Students were required to research data and then come up with a scenario or story board which was an idea for an information advertisement related to road users.

Students involved - Sherene P, Abby P, Hannah P, Carli S, Mia P-R, Sarah W, and Maree B. Also Tyson H, Christain K and Ryan F

## STAFF PROFILES

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



### Dianne Andrea

Position: **PE Teacher**

How long you have worked at WCB: Since 1977 with a few maternity leave breaks and a short stint at Kangaroo Flat Tech.

What you like most about working at WCB: The staff are really supportive and great to work with – we have the best staff in Bendigo as far as professionalism

and commitment to our students. I also love our students, who are often from families who have a long association with Weeroona, as I do! They are great kids!

Footy Team you barrack for: **The Mighty Blues!**

Favourite Leisure activities: **Walking, gardening, reading and spending time with family and friends.**

Current book you are reading: **The Four Fires by Bryce Courtney.**



### Zac Arnold

Position: **IT Trainee**

How long you have worked at WCB: **4 Months**

What you like most about working at WCB: **That I get to work with computers as it is one of the things I really enjoy doing.**

Footy Team you barrack for: **Green Bay Packers.**

Favourite Leisure activities: **Writing and performing music.**

Current book you are reading: **The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant, The Unbeliever – The Power That Preserves.**

## RELAY FOR LIFE

From Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April into Saturday, Weeroona College Bendigo students from all year levels participated in the Relay for Life at the Bendigo Latrobe University athletics track. Students and teachers walked around the track for twenty one hours, with various entertainment like music and some humorous wandering dragons, the posing green dude, Fred and Wilma Flintstone and clowns.

Weeroona's baton was a large 'W' representing Weeroona Walkers. Students and teachers took turns continuously carrying the baton around and around, even through the late hours of the night were there was surprisingly no shortage of help.

The energy breakthrough team had set up an energy vehicle that was on a roller and over the course of the event teachers and students would take turns adding to the kilometres to hopefully out do the 543kms done by last year's Relay for Life team. Unfortunately the pedometer broke at some 400kms, the distance to Melbourne and back and a little more. Students reckon it broke because they were going too fast.

Overall the students enjoyed the activity and being able to socialize with friends, eat free food, like pizza and ice creams, provided by the event holders and supporting the fundraising for the Cancer Council.

*Author: Ash T Yr.10 student*

## SPORTS NEWS

### BILL TURNER CUP

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of May saw Weeroona College Bendigo play in the second round of the Bill Turner Cup against St Albans Secondary College. Despite determined efforts from all of the WCB side, the team went down 4-1.

The game was played in fine spirit with our city counterparts simply much more physical and stronger than the Weeroona team.

Better players for Weeroona include James C, Riley H and Mick M. I would like to thank all the boys involved in the team for their application and effort.



### SANDHURST DIVISION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Sandhurst division Athletics carnival was staged on Tuesday 17 May. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the WCB competitors for their efforts. Several individuals were unable to compete on the day and it was great to see other students being prepared to step into the events at late notice.

The college competed very well throughout the course of the day and ultimately won both the boys and girls pennants for the B grade division on the day. Many WCB competitors won events throughout the course of the day. These individuals will be listed in an upcoming edition of the newsletter, as we are waiting official confirmation of all winners.

Individuals who won events at this carnival will now represent the college at the Loddon Mallee Zone Athletic Championships which will be held at the Latrobe University Regional Athletics complex in term 4.

Again congratulations to all competitors from WCB who participated in this event.

#### UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May- Yr 7/8 Sports Day, Soccer, Netball, Badminton

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Sandhurst Division Cross Country (Marong)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Yr 8 Boys Football

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June- Loddon Mallee Cross Country (St Arnaud)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Yr 7 Boys Football

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July- Intermediate Boys Football

*Shawn McCormick*  
Sports Coordinator

## NETBALL

The last two weeks have been very pleasing for our 14 & Under team with 2 wins. On May 7<sup>th</sup> Weeroona White 39 goals defeated Southside Turquoise 23 goals and Emily B was awarded with a voucher. On May 14<sup>th</sup> Weeroona White 28 defeated Jets Amber 23. All girls were awarded with a voucher for their outstanding efforts. Our 17 & Under team, Weeroona Navy have had a mixed start to the season but we are looking forward to turning this around.

*Games for this week, Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>:*

Weeroona White v Girton Lime Court 5 at 2:15

Weeroona Navy v Girton White Court 6 at 2:15

Thank you to all the parents for your support and assisting with scoring.

*Bree Hodge*  
14 & Under Coach

## FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK – MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

Food allergy is a public health issue which is on the increase. There is currently no cure for food allergy with 1 in 10 children predicted to develop an allergy in 2012. Avoidance of the trigger food is the only way to prevent a reaction. Fatal food anaphylaxis is most often caused by peanuts (50-62%) and tree nuts (15-30%). Peanut, tree nut, sesame, fish and shell fish allergy is usually life-long. Be aware and support those with food allergy.

If you are concerned about someone possibly having a food allergy then it is best to see your doctor who can refer you to a specialist for further testing. Those with a food allergy sometimes have a large risk of an anaphylactic reaction which can be fatal. These types of allergies require the use of an EpiPen. For further information please feel free to see myself or visit your GP.

#### Chocolate Mud Cake (Egg, Dairy, Gluten Free Recipe):

- 200gm Nuttalex Margarine.
- 200gm Dairy Free Chocolate (Sweet William in supermarkets).
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar.
- ¼ cup cocoa.
- ¼ cup water.
- 1 cup plain or gluten free self-raising flour.
- 40ml white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence.

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 24cm spring form cake tin with baking paper.
2. In a large saucepan place the margarine, chocolate, sugar and water. Slowly heat until the margarine and chocolate has melted completely.
3. Sift the dry ingredients into a large bowl. Add the vinegar, vanilla essence and the chocolate mixture. Beat with an electric mixer until well combined.
4. Pour into the prepared tin. Bake in moderate oven for 35-40 mins until the cake is crispy on the top but still moist in the middle.
5. Allow the cake to cool completely then dust with icing sugar.

## 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.

### **Invitation to Weeroona School Community**

The Bendigo School Chaplaincy Committee invites you to a Dinner and annual meeting next Friday 27th May at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club, 6pm for 6.30pm.

A special feature: "Chaplains in the Hot Seat" – your opportunity to ask questions relating to Chaplaincy.

Cost \$25. Bookings & payment essential by next Monday 23rd May to 9 Samuel Court Spring Gully 3550. Phone: Ray – 5442 1732.