

## Contacts 2011

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Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

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Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

Wannop  
Learning Community  
Monica White / Paul Ellis

Merin  
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MCE Christine Edgar  
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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  
LMR Matthew Reeves  
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WRJ Raelene Jeffrey  
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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

#### 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—No School  
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

**NB—All students in Merin and Katyl Communities will need to empty their lockers at the end of the term as we need to move out of the old buildings**

**Absence Line: 4433 4911**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Mid Year Assessment

As we approach mid-year students are involved in assessment of their learning progress. All students have been doing On Demand adaptive tests in English and Mathematics using their netbooks. The expectation is that students will have made progress from their February assessment. Assessment/ Exam Week for Year 10 is next week and students have been provided with their exam timetable. It is important that students from all Year levels complete and hand in all their required assessment tasks and prepare themselves for exams or timed tasks. We seek encouragement and support from parents to help students focus and take a conscientious approach to their learning responsibilities. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June is Report Writing Day followed by the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June and students will not be required at school on either day. Reports will be mailed to parents at the end of Term 2.

### Design, Creativity and Technology Centre at Weeroona College Bendigo

At the end of last week it was fantastic to see students and staff working in our new Design, Creativity and Technology Centre. This new space replaces the technology classes that have traditionally taken place in 'D Wing' which will soon be disappearing. The Design, Creativity and Technology Centre offers exciting learning opportunities and will change the way that we teach in the Technology area through open planned spaces and the opportunity for our students to access a whole range of brand new tools and equipment. This facility enables us to enhance our new vocational education and training (VET) courses as well as our other technology subjects that we offer to our students. The technology staff: Mark Adams, Geoff Dempster and Steve Hocking ably supported by a number of others are to be congratulated for their forward planning and the large amount of time and energy that they have put into this new centre to ensure that we have the very best opportunities for our students.



### School Centres for Teaching Excellence Project

During this Semester, Weeroona College Bendigo, along with the other BEP 7-10 schools has been involved in an exciting new project which will expand teacher training options in our region. Eaglehawk Secondary College, Bendigo South East College, Crusoe College and Weeroona College Bendigo have partnered with La Trobe University and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) staff to trial a new model of pre-service teacher training. The School Centres for Teaching Excellence Project has been funded through the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Teacher Quality. In the Bendigo project, each school has hosted a team of Graduate Diploma of Education teachers two days a week, for 15 weeks over first semester.

At WCB our six pre-service teachers have been integrated into Kappen learning community where they are gaining practical teaching experience in their method area, learning from their more experienced colleagues, working together on curriculum development and delivery, planning and reflecting on practice and sharing ideas with their mentors. La Trobe University course coordinator and senior lecturer, Dr Craig Deed, says the program is an alternative to the longstanding teacher training model where student teachers complete a continuous five week stint, or 'teaching round', in the one school. "Teacher training is being reviewed throughout Australia and one of the questions we are asking is how can we best prepare students for today's schools?" Mr Deed says. "Are there better ways of getting them to integrate their university knowledge with school-based knowledge? He said the student teachers would benefit from exposure to the new teaching and learning spaces and practices that were such a critical element of the Bendigo Education Plan and representative of educational trends nationwide.

From our point of view, we think that by enabling trainee teachers to work in our school over a longer period also gives them chance to develop longer-term relationships with the students and their mentors and witness the progression of learning over that period. In other words they are experiencing what it is really like to work in our school.

*Leanne Preece*  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Every minute matters.....

Have you ever gone into a class and been embarrassed or felt unsettled because you can't figure out what's going on? Maybe it is because you missed something important the day before and now it feels like you have lost the plot? Once this cycle starts, it's hard to stop. So ..... be at school ready to learn every day.

### Immunisations

The next round of immunisations are on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, beginning at 9.30am. It will involve year 7 girls only.

The subsequent Immunisation date is-  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Yr 7 girls & boys.

Any queries need to be directed to Angela Evans, Immunisation Coordinator- greater City of Bendigo. 5434 6312.

**Uniform**

There is a steadily increasing number of students out of uniform which has led to a focus on all students being in correct uniform over the past two weeks. The only students who have a reason for being out of uniform, are a small number of Yr 10 students who are waiting for the delivery of their Rugby tops and uniform shop orders that are on order also. They are asked to wear their usual jumper from last year that most would still have.

The following are **NOT** school uniform:

- Adidas track pants with white stripes at the side.
- Footy shorts with white stripes at the side.
- Any shoes that are **NOT** black leather, don't have laces, and are not school shoe style.

There seems to be an increase in the number of non-school jumpers being worn also.

Any students out of uniform with no note will receive Lunchtime Detention or the like. The note should indicate a time frame if a replacement uniform piece has to be purchased.

Continual out of uniforms may mean no social, no sports outings no Valedictory dinner, no Deb etc.

Once again parents are thanked for their support in this matter.

*Helen Tuohy*  
Assistant Principal

**PARENTS' CLUB****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.

**ALPINE SCHOOL – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 2012**

If you are currently in Year 8 next year you might be interested in attending an Alpine School for Term 2 or Term 4 in 2012.

You will have 9 weeks residing at the Alpine school, focusing on leadership skills, personal development, outdoor and environment education, community living and developing a community project. There is a program cost of \$1050 which covers your nine weeks accommodation, food, outdoor equipment and e-learning.

For more information please go these links:

Term 2 Alpine School Campus

<http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au>

Term 4 Snowy River Campus <http://www.snowyriver.vic.edu.au>

If you are interested please contact Ms. Erin Pilkington (Kappen) or Ms. Carolyn Jones (Katylil) before June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



## CYBERSAFETY – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

You are invited to attend a Parent Information Night on CyberSafety & Bullying. The internet is an incredible tool, offering lots of benefits to everyone. However, children can often unknowingly, place themselves in risky situations.

Not all internet users will experience problems. However, ensuring children understand these risks and have the knowledge to be cybersafe is important when accessing the internet at home, at school and in public places.

Weeroona College Bendigo is holding a FREE information night to help parents gain practical advice and information on safe internet use. In learning and applying safe internet skills and sharing these with your children, parents can help to keep them safe, and ensure that their children have a positive internet experience.

**WHERE:** Weeroona College Bendigo  
A.T. Dingle Performance Centre

**TIME:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
6pm – 7pm.



### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jamie Roberts from CornerStore Media Productions  
IT Staff: Ash & Zac (discussing Facebook and how to use it safely & appropriately).

If you have any questions regarding the evening then please do not hesitate to contact myself, Sarah Warburton (Secondary School Nurse) at Weeroona College on 54432133. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 7 Boys World Football

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May saw the Sandhurst Division of the boy's year 7 and 8 soccer (world football) competition take place at the Epsom Recreation complex.

The day was very cold and windy. However, this did not distract from the performance of the Weeroona boys. W.C.B played Eaglehawk Secondary College in their first game. After allowing Eaglehawk to score the first goal the side showed great spirit by working hard and ultimately scoring the next two goals to win 2-1.

The second game saw WCB paired against East Loddon. The side teamed well to score a resounding 7-0 victory. In

the cross over finals system this paired WCB with Bendigo South East. The squad responded with fantastic effort and application to score a fantastic 2-0 victory.

This left WCB undefeated and structured to meet Catholic College in the final. The game was played at a cracking pace with WCB not being able to capitalise on the opportunities that they were creating. Ultimately the side went down 3-0 to a very classy Catholic College outfit.

Congratulations to all boys who participated in this team. Their effort, application and behaviour was exemplary. Better players in a very even performance included Riley H, Tyler P, Dillon L, Brayden S and Matt G. Again, Well done to all involved.

### Junior Girls Soccer Report

On a recent cold and windy Wednesday, the Year 7 and 8 girl's soccer team played off in a round robin for the Sandhurst division title at Epsom sports complex.

With the majority of the team in Year 7 and many not having played before, we found ourselves yet again up against older and more experienced opponents. After starting slowly with loses to eventual champions BSE and Catholic College, the team then fought out two draws against Crusoe College and BSE (2) to finish the competition on equal third.

Given the lack of experience in the team, the progress made on the day was remarkable. The girl's attitude and persistence was exemplary, particularly given a couple of players suffered injuries on the day from some rough opponents.

Congratulations goes to all involved with a big thanks to Year 9 student Jo H who assist with coaching/mentoring duties. Thanks also to Mr Shawn McCormick and Holly Fern for their assistance in getting the girls organised for the day.

*Mr J McIntosh*

### UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

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  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August - Netball Championship

*Shawn McCormick*  
Sports Coordinator

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 34 of our students competed in this event along with eight other schools in the Bendigo Region at the Phoenix Centre, Latrobe University. All activities were designed to show students the practical side of careers in science and engineering and to show them that creativity is an integral part of any career in science and engineering. Scientists and engineers investigate and solve problems and while theory is a vital part of this work, it is just as important to be innovative and creative in the way they seek solutions.

Eight challenges were provided - students worked on one or two of these challenges in small groups. Congratulations to Liam O and Tyson H for their winning Catapult construction. Thank you to all the participants who represented Weeroona College Bendigo admirably.



## YEAR 10 EXAMS

The Year 10 end of semester 1 exams will be held next **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** and **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June** with Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June designated as a Student Free day.

Exams will be in the four core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities, with each exam being 100 minutes in length, (10 minutes reading plus 90 minutes writing time.)

At present students are revising the semester work in their core subjects and teachers ask that students are doing at least one hour revision homework each night in the lead up to the exams.

All exams will be held in Kappen, however any student with deemed special circumstances will have their exam in D6.

For the exams students are expected to be on time, to be in full College uniform and to be prepared to do their best in each of the four exams. It is also important to keep in mind that there will also be Learning Assessments due in other subject areas and that these must be submitted, fully completed, on time.

If a student is absent for any of the exams a Medical Certificate is expected for the absence.

As part of good exam technique students should bring to each exam pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener and a water bottle. They should also bring a book to read if they finish the exam early. They are reminded that in line with College policy Netbooks, mobile phones and MP3 players/iPods are not permitted in exam situations. As well as these requirements the following is needed specifically for individual exams.

- English > Dictionary
- Mathematics > A4 page Summary sheet, Scientific Calculator
- Science > A4 page Summary sheet, Scientific Calculator
- Humanities > no special requirements

**Please note: due to the afternoon exams going through the recess break students will be dismissed at the end of the afternoon exam, at 2:45pm, and be permitted to go home early. Any students who cannot do this, e.g. bus travellers, will be supervised until the end of the normal College day at 3:20pm.**

There will be a 'catch up' exam time on Friday morning 10<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9:00am for any students who are absent or who are removed from the exam building due to poor behaviour. Further 'catch up' times may be scheduled the following week if necessary.

See Exam Timetable on Page 5

*Brian Edebohls*  
Student Achievement Coordinator

WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	Session 1	Session 2	LUNCH	Session 3	Recess	Session 4 2:45PM FINISH
Assemble and Entry Point	9:15am-9:30am Kappen Forecourt in Core Groups.			12:30pm-12:45pm Kappen Forecourt in Core Groups.		
Exam Times	9:30am-9:40am Admin 9:40am-9:50am Reading 9:50am-11:20am Exam	11:20am PENS DOWN		12:45pm-12:55pm Admin 12:55pm-1:05pm Reading 1:05pm-2:35pm Exam		2:35pm PENS DOWN
Exam Type	ENGLISH	ENGLISH		SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE

THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 10 Session 1	YEAR 10 Session 2	LUNCH	YEAR 10 Session 3	YEAR 10 Recess	YEAR 10 Session 4 2:45PM FINISH
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