

Contacts 2011

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull
Chaplain:
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

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:
Helen Tuohy

Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.weeroona.vic.edu.au

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

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
18th:: Classes commence for Term 3

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



On June 16 Weeroona College Bendigo (formerly known as White Hills technical School) celebrated 50 years of age.

In July 1965 the current site was chosen to build a technical school to relieve the crowding of the Junior School at the Bendigo Technical College. It is claimed that there were seven white hills mainly mined by the Chinese in the 1850's.



In 1960 the first section of the school was built and completed in 1961 at a cost of £100 000. On June 16 1961, still under the control of the Bendigo Technical College the school was officially opened by the then minister for education, the Hon. J.C Bloomfield. During 1961/1962 the other sections were completed. The starting salary for technical teachers was £830 for men and just 80% of this for women.



Over the past 50 years many wonderful students, staff members and parents

have been associated with our school and now we find ourselves about to move out of all of the original buildings that are a reminder of education during the last century.

As a result of the current building program we have decided that we are going to celebrate our '50 plus 1 year' next year to coincide with the opening of our total new school.

Our school timeline

- 1961 – White Hills Technical School officially opened
- 1972 – A.T. Dingle Hall officially opened
- 1976 – female students enrolled for the first time
- 1979 – the Commerce Complex officially opened
- 1988 - name change to White Hills Secondary College
- 1992 - White Hills Secondary College became a 7 – 10 college
- 1999 – merged with Bendigo East Primary School to become Weeroona College Bendigo (P-10)
- 2008 – commencement of rebuild of Weeroona College Bendigo
- 2009 – decision to phase out P-6 section
- 2010 – official opening of stage one of the new build

Loddon Mallee Region Principal's Conference

Last week Helen Tuohey and I attended the Loddon Mallee Region's annual Principal Conference in Melbourne with Principals from all other Primary, Secondary and Special schools in our region. The focus of our conference was on Building Relationships and we had the opportunity to listen to a number of keynote addresses, participate in workshops and go on some school visits to look at innovative uses for learning spaces, across the three days. During the course

of the conference I was very proud to receive very positive feedback about our school and a number of requests for school teams to come and visit the school not just to see the buildings but the teaching and learning that is occurring in our spaces. This is further reinforcement that the school is on the right track and we look forward to working with other schools to improve the educational opportunities for all students.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Katylil & Merin Student Lockers

All lockers belonging to students in the Katylil and Merin Learning Communities need to be emptied at the end of this term in preparation for them to be moved out into the portables. This means that all Year 10 students will need to clean out their lockers by next Friday, June 24th and take home all their belongings.

The following week, the last week of Term 2, all Yr 7, 8 and 9 students will need to clean out their lockers and take home all their belongings. Any belongings left in lockers over the holidays cannot be guaranteed to be returned in their entirety. Parents are asked to remind their son/daughter in Katylil and Merin of the need to do this and encourage them to bring home all contents of their locker.

Immunisations

The next round of immunisations are on Tuesday 21st June, beginning at 9.30am. It will involve year 7 girls only. The subsequent Immunisation date is- Wednesday 23rd November. Yr 7 girls & boys.

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

Student Learning Journals

Are now available at the General Office for the reduced price of \$6.00 (half price).

All students are reminded that they are expected to have a Student Learning Journal and need to ensure that it is signed by their teacher if they need to leave the classroom for any reason.

Helen Tuohey
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**.

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books

Special thanks to those parents who have followed up overdue library books.

We now have some happy students who have the library books they been waiting for.

Please encourage your children to return any library books they have at home.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to those students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge at such an early stage. Keep on Reading!!!



FRENCH NEWS

French Film showing on the 3rd August

This notice is a reminder for all the Year 9 and 10 students. Could all the students return their letter and money (\$6) to attend to French Film showing at the Bendigo Cinema? The title of the film is *Mon meilleur ami* (My best friend). Those who have paid will attend the play on the 3rd Aug. The students with late letters and unpaid money will not be attending this wonderful film. Please see Mrs Capicchiano if you have any queries.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Design, Creativity and Technology at Weeroona College Bendigo

Weeroona College Bendigo is pleased to be able to offer students the use of our new Design, Creativity and Technology building.

The new facility offers state of the art tools, plant and equipment. Allowing students to experience a modern workshop environment.

This has been made possible by a Federal Government grant focusing on Trade Training. The grant was made available to BSSC, BRIT, Catholic College, Eaglehawk, Crusoe, Weeroona College, Victory Christian and East Loddon. This has given all these schools the facilities to offer Bendigo students a wide variety of trade subjects to choose from as a career pathway, helping to address the current skills shortage.

This grant and the introduction of VET subjects have given our students a host of opportunities. Weeroona College is now offering students a range of VET subjects with nationally accredited modules. VET subjects offered include:

- VET Building and Construction
- VET Engineering
- VET Automotive
- VET Hospitality
- VET Sport and Recreation

Many thanks must go to the Technology staff Geoff Dempster, Steve Hocking and assisting staff Ian McKenzie, Ivan Kitt and Laurie Heeps for the extra hours they have put into make this all happen for the students.

Trades training is alive and well at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Mark Adams
Head of Technology

CAREERS NEWS

Pre –Apprenticeship in Plumbing at BRIT

Pre-apprenticeship courses in plumbing available starting 8/8/2011. Students will be at BRIT full time for 16 weeks. Students must be 15 years of age. Please bring a resume to the Pathways Office to organise an interview with the Plumbing department at BRIT. For more information contact Phillip Langley on 5434 1865.

School Based Apprenticeships

CVGT in conjunction with Kosmac & Clemens Optometrists' Bendigo and Castlemaine have two school based traineeships on offer to start your career in special optical care. The initial certificate is in Cert 2/3 Retail, with future prospects to further your career in Optical Care. Please contact Kellie Baines at CVGT on 5449 2100 for details or email your resume and covering letter to kbaines@cvgt.com.au

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

A hearty congratulations to Matt C, Bailey E, Ashley T and Tori B who produced fantastic results at the Loddon Mallee Championships held in St. Arnaud. All four individuals were placed in the top three of their age division, with Matt C being victorious. Consequently these four individuals will represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the upcoming SSV State finals which will be held at Bundoora Park on Tuesday 19th July. Good luck to these students.

Year 8 Boys Football

Last week saw the Year 8 boy's football team journey to the Strathfieldsaye Recreation reserve to take part in the Sandhurst Division Football Carnival. Although they only won one game in the competition, I was impressed with their application and effort. All boys played the games with tremendous spirit and thoroughly deserved their victory in the final game. Better players throughout the carnival were Mac W, Brayden S and Ryan H.

UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

Wednesday 22nd June- Yr 7 Boys Football

Tuesday 19th July – SSV Cross Country State Finals
Bundoora

Thursday 21st July- Intermediate Boys Football

Wednesday 27th July – Bendigo District Primary School
Carnival (Weeroona College Bendigo Students convening
and Umpiring this carnival)

Monday 8th August - Netball Championship

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is open to anyone, it can be a sport the whole family can get involved in and it's your choice of the level of commitment and personal goals you want to achieve.

Weeroona College Bendigo is offering a program for all students wishing to give cross country a try this year. For those students who are not involved in Saturday sports anymore, those who want to improve their general fitness and health or those who just want to try something new. This is for you!

When: Saturday 18th June, 2011 – Harcourt from 1.00pm – 4.30pm. 500m, 1km, 3km & 5km.

Cost: Full Season

Junior (under 20)	\$25
Open Age	\$40
Family (no limit on family)	\$70

Transport Bus \$2

The Weeroona College Bendigo bus (seats 23) leaves the school ground at 1.00pm and returns back to the College after the races and presentations at approximately 4.30 pm.

Attire: A good pair of running shoes, shorts, singlet or T-Shirt, drink bottle and something to put on after you run.

If you are interested contact either Ms Purden or Ivan Kitt at Weeroona College Bendigo on 5443 2133.

www.ymcaharriers.com.au

PARENTS' CLUB

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.