WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH
11th Labour Day Holiday
18th School Council Meeting – 7pm
19th Imunisations:
- Year 7 Boys & Girls
- Year 9 Boys
- Year 10 Boys & Girls
20th WCB Athletics - Flora Hill Athletics Track
26th Last Day of Term 1

APRIL
15th First Day of Term 2
22nd School Council Meeting

SCHOOL TIMES
Start 9.00am
Lunch 11.41am - 12.34pm
Recess 1.44pm - 2.05pm
Finish 3.15pm

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
8.15am – 4.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT…

Goldfields Career Horizons Official Launch

On Tuesday, I attended the official launch of the new ‘Horizons’ website. Through the implementation of an online one-stop-shop for matching work experience opportunities, the Goldfields Career Horizons project aims to:

★ Increase the exposure of students to a number of career options.
★ Streamline the process of work experience approaches from schools to local businesses.
★ Build stronger links between primary, secondary and tertiary education providers and industry opportunities to gain workplace exposure for students.

Check it out at www.careerhorizons.com.au and encourage your children to do the same.

Personal Goods brought to School at Owner’s Risk

• Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

• The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

• A reminder to parents that students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Rotary Youth Exchange - An opportunity for Personal Excellence

Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people worldwide with an opportunity to experience the cultures and accomplishments of people in other countries. Youth Exchange is an official program of Rotary International and allows around 8000 students to exchange annually to around 60 different countries.

As a Rotary Exchange student, you will spend one year living in another country, usually with three or four host families. You will become part of those families and their community. These Rotary accredited families are volunteers who will welcome and care for you, supervise your year and introduce you to their culture and lifestyle. In your host country you will learn another language, experience different foods, study different subjects, enjoy a new culture and enjoy a new way of living and most likely need to learn a new language. You will learn a great deal about yourself and gain confidence and self-sufficiency.

You will attend school in your local community, as well as participating in Rotary and community activities. At the same time you will make new friends, see exciting places and experience adventures that will take a lifetime to recount.

A year of study overseas as a Rotary Youth Exchange student gives you –

• An opportunity to develop your personal self-confidence and maturity.
• An opportunity to develop a lifetime of international friendships.
• An opportunity to develop a real understanding of many different cultures.
• An opportunity to develop new language skills.
• An opportunity to develop a base for future education and career goals.
• An opportunity to develop in many ways.

If your child is interested please contact Margaret Paulsen ph. 5443 0047

Leanne Preece
Principal
IT'S MY SCHOOL TOO...

Weeroona College Bendigo is committed to a whole school program called ‘It’s My School Too!’ The program is built on the following beliefs...

- Everyone has a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.
- The majority of students at Weeroona College Bendigo support this belief AND live it.
- There is power in a majority to make a big difference for the better.
- It’s really not that hard to get through a school day without harassing others!

As part of the program, each Learning Community will have their own ‘It’s My School Too’ pledge board to display the names of all students in that Learning Community who have pledged their support to the programs belief statement. This creates a very clear and highly visual reminder to the whole college that the vast majority of students (if not all) do not believe it is OK to bully and harass others.

Students were asked on Start Up Day to commit to the pledge by signing it.

The pledge was-

“All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.”

If you have not returned your signed pledge please return it and give to your Learning Advisor.

Helen Tuohey
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

Centrepay

Weeroona College Bendigo is now registered for Centrepay. Centrepay is available for any family receiving a Centrelink payment. You can elect to put a nominated amount into your child’s family account held by the college to go towards any school charges ie. Camps and excursions throughout the year. Centrepay is a great way to help families budget for school costs. Application forms are available from the college Office.

Absences

If your child will be absent, please call directly to our absence line on 4433 4911 or SMS 0427 016 199. Students who need to leave throughout the day will need a written note from a parent or a phone call to the Office.

Absence letters for students who had ‘unexplained’ absences for the month of February were sent out last week. Can parents please sign these letters and send them back to the school as soon as possible.

Also, can we please have absence notes for any ‘unexplained’ absences for Thursday the 28th February.

Country Buses

This year due to the numbers of the school country buses being full, students who are not approved to travel on these buses cannot use them on a casual basis (friends going home with normal country bus travellers). Students who also aren’t using their already approved bus place on a continual basis will lose this spot. For more information please contact Mandy Clayton on 5447 7722.
FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE...

**Medications**
If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, it is your responsibility to provide the general office with an up to date Epipen. All Learning Communities will carry a spare Epipen in the event of an emergency. If your child wishes to carry a second Epipen on them (or in their locker or bag) they are more than welcome to do so. We recommend notifying your advisor and learning community leader on Start-Up day.

If your child suffers from Asthma, all communities carry a spare puffer. However, we highly recommend your child has their own puffer and spacer with them, either in their school bag or locker.

**Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy (any medical condition)**
Weeroona College Bendigo takes individual student illness and medical conditions very seriously. If you have a child that may suffer from one of the medical conditions below it is vital that we are made aware. We have an overall responsibility for implementing strategies and processes for ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of any of these conditions:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Allergies
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Or any other medical condition.

Action plans for any medical condition is highly recommended. Some can be found on our school website. Please print them off and then complete them with your doctor’s signature.

If you are unable to print off the action plans you require, please see myself (Sarah – School Nurse) or the General Office and copies will be available.

Depending on your child’s condition, medication is either kept with your child in their bag or locker. Some medication will be kept in the General Office such as Epipens.


**Immunisations for 2013**
Immunisation dates for 2013 are as follows:

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Sarah Warburton  
School Nurse

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**SPORT...**

**Year 7 & 8 Boys & Girls Tennis Day**
On Thursday 21st of February, Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls competed in the tennis sports day at the Bendigo Bank Tennis Complex. There were several games played throughout the day against a number of colleges from around Bendigo. Although WCB were not successful in winning the competition, it was a great hit out for all involved, with both teams winning several games, losing some but always with smiles on their faces.
Overall, WCB finished 4th in both the girls and boys competition. Thanks to Mr Currie for all of his help organising and on the day.

Zoe D- VET Sport and Rec Student

Year 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball
On Thursday 21st February, Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls competed in the Volleyball Carnival at the Bendigo Entertainment Complex. Both teams faced a total of 4 games throughout the day with the girls winning 1 of 4, and the boys also winning 1 of 4. Throughout the day there were displays of excellent skill, encouragement, fun and teamwork.

Thanks to Mrs Jeffrey's who organised teams and trainings, Miss Southcombe for helping out on the day, Rick Ladson for coaching the boys, as well as the VET Sport and Rec girls for umpiring and scoring. It was a great day had by all.

Rachelle T and Ruby C- VET Sport and Recreation students

Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket Day
On Thursday 21st February, the Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket Carnival took place at Catholic College Junortoun. WCB teamed up against Girton Grammar in their first game. The boys batted in a safe manner combining to score a total of 6 for 75 after their overs. Top scorers for WCB included Jarrett M (21), Jack T (14) and Bailey G (12). In return, Weeroona collectively fielded in a very tight manner and bowled with a disciplined approach. They restricted Girton to a score of 7 for 54. Wicket takers included Jack B 3 for 6, Bailey G, Jack T, Tyler B and Jack L, plus a run out.

The second game, which would ultimately decide the finalist (to be played later this term), saw the WCB side take on the number 1 Catholic College squad. Catholic College won the toss and elected to be posting a competitive score of 3 for 123. Wicket takers included Bailey G and Tyler B. The Weeroona team in reply scored 2 for 77 with Jack B (26) and Bailey G (31) batting very well.

Many positives come out of the day, with all team members conducting themselves in a positive manner. The team consisted mainly of year 7 students in a Year 7 & 8 competition. From this, I sense that going forward the college will have some very competitive Cricket teams.

It was very pleasing to see several parents come along on the day and support the boys. Special thanks to Barry Findlay who is on board again as coach of all Weeroona College Cricket teams. All up an enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you for the effort of all those involved.

Left: The Year 7 & 8 Weeroona College Boy's Cricket team that competed at Catholic College in the Sandhurst Division Cricket Carnival.

Shawn McCormick

Sport Dates for Term 1

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<td>SSV Swimming &amp; Diving (MSAC)</td>
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YEAR 7 CAMP…

Due to ongoing Industrial Action between the Australian Education Union (AEU) and the State Government, Weeroona College Bendigo will regretfully be unable to run the planned three day camp to Campaspe Downs.

The AEU’s current bans implement a 38 hour working week, which limits its members to only working a standard 38 hours and not volunteering their time outside of the paid hours. This has resulted in many activities in which teachers involve themselves outside of school hours being either cancelled or postponed. Whilst we are disappointed for our Year 7 students, we had hoped that the ongoing dispute would have been settled prior to this camp.

The college will, obviously, make refunds to those parents/caregivers who have paid either a deposit or in full for this camp as quickly as possible.

As we regard extra-curricular activities as valuable in establishing your child’s connection to school, friends and the broader community, we are planning to offer and alternative activity to enable this to occur. We hope that you will continue to support your child in Weeroona College Bendigo’s camps and activities programs in the future.

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MUSIC…

On the evening of Monday 25th February 2013, the String Ensemble of the BIMP (Bendigo Instrumental Musical Programme) held a concert for the families of the instrumentalists. Three year 7 violin students from Weeroona College participated in the programme which was held over one week in December 2012. Those students were Caitlin W, Katrina T and Caroline P.

There are students from BSE, Crusoe College, Kangaroo Flat Primary and Weeroona College Bendigo that make up the String Ensemble, which was led by violin teacher Mrs Frances Thompson.

The ensemble participated in a workshop for over 3 days at Bendigo Senior Secondary College and played together in front of Kangaroo Flat Primary and Big Hill Primary. The songs played were The Addams Family, America (from the West Side Story Stage Production), Ompapa (from Oliver Twist) CanCan and The Snowman. The performance was thoroughly enjoyable.

Well done to the 3 Weeroona College Bendigo students and thank you to Mrs Thompson for teaching the students.

Wendy Pollock
The ABBTF supports Step Out Programs for Secondary School students who want to experience bricklaying in a hands-on training course at a TAFE College. Currently there is a severe shortage of qualified bricklayers in the building industry and this course gives you a chance to give bricklaying a go. This course provides a pathway to an apprenticeship in bricklaying and a rewarding career in the building industry.

LEARN:
- OH&S requirements for on the job
- Plan and organise work
- Read and interpret plans
- Measurement and calculation
- Use hand tools
- Lay bricks and blocks

Step Out Courses details are as follows:
- Duration of 40 hours. The day will be Friday
- It is proposed that the program will commence on Friday 11th October which coincides with the 2nd week of Term 4. It will conclude on Friday 29th November.
- Group size of 12 students. 3-4 students form each secondary college
- Cost $190
- The course is aimed at students in year 10
- Preference given to students with genuine interest in bricklaying with potential to go on to an apprenticeship
- The course is aimed to provide hands on experience only and training does not provide credit towards a future bricklaying apprenticeship

Applications need to be submitted via the pathways office.
Please see Mrs Quarrier on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays

DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP...
Tuesday 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Thursday 8:30am – 12:00

TRIVIA NIGHT...
A trivia night is being held on Monday 18th March, 2013 at the Eaglehawk Town Hall in support of the Bendigo State School Chaplaincy (Access Ministry) which is part of Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Friday 13 to Sunday 24 March 2013. Please be there by 7pm for 7.30 pm start. Make up a table of six (maximum number) or less. There will major and minor prizes to be won.
Admission: $12.00 each. BYO Nibbles, drinks (non-alcoholic) & glasses. Tea & Coffee will be available during the evening
Bookings: Ph/Fax 5448 3912 Email: bjrains@bigpond.com by FRIDAY 15th MARCH
HUNTYL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB…

Huntly Junior Football Club has positions available in the following teams.

- Under 9
- Under 10
- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 18 Youth Girls

For more information, please contact us on the details below or come to Strauch Reserve at 4:30 on Wednesday night to find out more details.

Under 9 & 10 Fees: $70
Under 12, 14, & Youth Girls Fees: $110

Visit our website for further information:  www.huntlyjfc.sportingpulse.net
Or alternatively, contact us via email with any queries:  huntlyjfc@hotmail.com

Flicks and Pics

These days, sending and downloading images and videos is easy. The difficult part is if you can trust the person you’re sending it to. Here’s some stuff you need to know to help protect yourself.

Sharing images and video

- Remember that it’s easy to forward photos and videos sent by text or email and posted online, so if you wouldn’t want a photo or video, or some information about you displayed at your school assembly, think twice before you post it online or text it to anyone.
- As well as potentially damaging your reputation, you can actually be charged in court with making child pornography if you share nude or explicit photos of yourself.
- To protect your own safety, it’s not a good idea to send a photo or video of yourself to someone you don’t know in real life.

Using cameras

- Considering other people is a big part of using technology safely and respectfully. So it’s best not to take a picture of someone unless they know you’re doing it and agree to it. That’s especially true if they are doing something that they might regret or be embarrassed by later, or might get them into trouble.

Other peoples images and videos
• Webcams can help us stay in touch, but it’s important to think carefully and consider your safety before you accept a file or webcam feed from someone you do not know or trust in the real world.
• Remember that web cam images can be faked – so even if you think you’ve seen someone you’re chatting to online, they might not be who you think they are.
• If you see something online or get a text which scares or worries you, tell a trusted adult right away, and see if you can block the person who sent it to you.

**Goldfields Gap Year & Student Exchange Expo**

**Date:** 13 March 2013

**Time:** 7 to 8.30 pm

**Venue**
Catholic College Bendigo
Marian Centre
Cnr. Wright & Valentine Streets
Bendigo

Parking is available off campus in the streets nearby. If you park in Valentine St, please park only on the school side of the street.

**Welcome & Introduction**
A panel of people including representatives from La Trobe University, Centrelink and Careers Teachers from the Bendigo Region Careers Association will speak about the key issues you should think about when considering a Gap Year. Information about the current situation regarding Youth Allowance will also be provided.

**Student Exchange & Gap Year Expo**
Approx 20 stallholders available to answer your questions and provide information. If your key interest is student exchange programs, please visit the Expo from 7.00 pm instead of the Gap Year talk.
LAWN BOWLS
At
Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club
Uxbridge St, Strathfieldsaye

EASTER COME & TRY NIGHT
Wednesday March 27th

6.30 pm Start

Easter Egg Hunt For the Kids
Give Aways

Just bring yourself
Or bring a friend.
Bring the family
and a pair of
flat soled shoes

Bowls Supplied
Free Sausage Sizzle

ITS FREE!

For more Information & to register your interest
Contact
Co-Ordinator Adrian 0429 943 080

All Ages Welcome
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

For further information contact...

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