



# WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

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Bree McKern

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### Learning Advisors

**L7A** Carolyn Jones

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#### Leaders

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**K9A** David Crwoley

**K9B** Paul O'Shea

**K1A** Alan Aylward



## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

22<sup>nd</sup> School Council Meeting (7pm)  
25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day- Pupil Free Day

### MAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews (pm)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews (am)  
No Classes  
5<sup>th</sup> BSSC Open Day  
7<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Day (Year 10's only)  
8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Information Evening (7pm)

### JUNE

28<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 2

## SCHOOL TIMES

Start 9.00am

Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm

Recess 1.45pm - 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

Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust that everyone had a lovely Easter and that you were able to make the most of the terrific weather at some point during the time that your children were on holidays.

### Staffing

It is great to have everyone back at school with a few minor changes to our staff. Ms Monica White and Mr Ron Llewelyn are now working with Mr Justin Hird as Wannop Learning Community Leaders and we congratulate them on being a part of our school leadership team whilst Ms Christine Toose is on leave. Welcome also to Ms Abby Shay, who is teaching in the English/Humanities area and Mr Mohammed Khalaf who is taking Ms Bettina Morrison's classes whilst she is on leave.

### Student Attitudes to School Survey

During next week, we will be running the annual Student Attitudes to School Survey, with all of our students in year 5 to year 10. Staff members are always keen to receive this student feedback and we try to ensure that we consult with staff and students as a result of the information that we receive from our students.

### Industrial Action

We are pleased that all work bans have now been lifted. If the teachers sign the new agreement, we will be able to support all of those extra-curricular activities which our students have had concerns about. We appreciate that we have had to cancel some activities for our students and appreciate the support that many of you have shown in understanding all of the extra things that our staff do for your children.

### Student Achievement Conferences

Over the next few days all families should receive information about our scheduled student achievement conferences scheduled to take place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. The letter contains information on how to book your preferred conference times with your child/s classroom teachers and learning advisor from the following time slots:  
Thursday 2 May between 4.00pm- 8.00pm  
Or Friday 3 May between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any difficulties with the online booking process.

### Home School Communication

**Our very own iPhone/iPad App will soon be available from the App store as a free download.**

Android approval is still in process, however once confirmation has been received we will contact you. This app is designed to allow Weeroona College Bendigo parents and students access to information about events and daily activities at the College. It will be updated daily to ensure that the information provided is the most current and up-to-date available.

- Need to know where A.T.Dingle Performance Centre is for a student performance? Look on the interactive map of the campus.
- Has a sporting event been cancelled due to bad weather? The notice section of the app will tell you.
- Need to check on the venue and start time of Awards Night? The calendar in the app will hold this information.

You do not need to receive everything!

One of the features of this app is that you can sign up for only those notices and events that you wish to know about. So, if your child is in Year 7, you can choose to receive only information relevant to Year 7 students on the app, and not any information for other parents. There will be a notice on the app to assist you with setting up this feature – just look at the notice section!

We welcome any feedback and suggestions you may have, as the information available will continue to grow with time. Please contact IT Staff by email by email at [weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au) or by phone 5443 2133 with any enquiries.

*"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."* - Bob Beauprez.

Leanne Preece  
Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Dropping off and collecting students from school

We have had some concerns regarding collection and drop off locations of our students. Cars should not be pulling up to collect and drop off students in no stopping zones around the school. It creates a safety risk to our students and it is illegal. The penalty if fined by police is \$140.00. Parents should not be driving into the school grounds (staff car parks) or parking across driveways to drop off or collect students either as there are often students moving through these areas at these times of the day and creates an unnecessary hazard to student safety.



### Structure of the school Day and Bell times

There have been some minor changes to the structure of the school day. Below is a table that reflects the bell times for students, beginning Term 2.

10 minute warning bell (students may enter learning communities)	Advisory	Change over	Session 1	Change over	Session 2	Lunch	Session 3	Recess	Session 4
8:50	9:00	9:16	9:20	10:30	10:35	11:45	12:35	1:45	2:05
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9:00	9:16	9:20	10:30	10:35	11:45	12:35	1:45	2:05	3:15

The major change being, we have added a 4 minute change over time between student Advisory and Session 1. This allows time for students and teachers to travel around the school, without losing valuable learning time.

*Jason Bysouth*  
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.

### Duty of Care- Returning Excursion Permission Forms

Our college has now changed its practice to obtaining explicit parent signed permission forms for all excursions within the local Bendigo area. Previously we were able to have parents sign a letter to cover all local excursions; however DEECD policy now requires explicit written permission for all excursions. It is important that when your child brings home a permission form to attend an excursion or a sporting activity that it is signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school with the child by the expected date. It is no longer appropriate to receive verbal permission over the phone. For further information, please don't hesitate to contact the General office on 5443 2133.

## SPORT

### Year 9 And 10 Boys Cricket

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March the final match of the Sandhurst Division Cricket took place at the Weeroona College Oval against Catholic College Bendigo. WCB batted first with Brayden S in great form, hitting 54 not out before retiring. Tallis M batted well, finishing with 28 not out. Weeroona made a formidable 121 off their allocated 20 overs.

Catholic College batted in a controlled manner, passing the Weeroona score with 7 balls to spare for the loss of six wickets. Mac W bowled his leg spinners well, under the pressure of the opposition looking for quick scoring opportunities. Weeroona fielded very well, but sadly collectively were too short with their bowling, providing ample opportunities for the CCB polished batsmen.

All up, it was an entertaining and hard fought game played in excellent spirit.

Special thanks to local cricket identity Barry Findlay who helped with the coaching of the team.



### Dragon Mile

On Easter Sunday, a range of Weeroona College Bendigo students represented the college in the annual Dragon Mile. All boys and girls involved represented the college in a fine manner throughout the specific age group events.

A highlight of the Weeroona College Bendigo participants was the effort of Spain N who completed the race in second position, in what was a very strong field. Well done to all involved.



### Sport Dates- Term 2

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls Football
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	WCB Cross Country
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Sandhurst Division Cross Country – Sebastian Harness Racing Club

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCES

The focus of Weeroona College Bendigo is on supporting and challenging every student to achieve their very best and to continually improve their learning outcomes.

An important part of this focus is the partnership between school and home, between teacher, student and parent/carer. Student achievement conferences play a key role in this partnership and it is for this reason we would like to meet with you and your child/children to discuss student achievement, progress and strategies for improvement by suspending classes and utilising in school and out of school hours in order to optimise the time available to you as parents and our teachers. We want to encourage all parents to come along with their children for these important conversations.

We have **Student Achievement Conferences** scheduled to take place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**. You can book your preferred conference times with your child/s classroom teachers and learning advisor from the following time slots:

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May between 4.00pm- 8.00pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May between 9.00am and 1.00pm

**Please Note: There will be NO CLASSES at all on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013, as all teachers will be involved in the conferences. The office will also be closed after 1.00pm on this day.**

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## AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY SUPPORT

- Are you a student who feels overwhelmed with the writing components of your subjects?
- Do you feel you would benefit from targeted support to increase your overall English skills?
- Are you a parent/guardian who believes additional support would benefit your son/daughter to manage the literacy demands in all their subject areas?

If the answer is YES, you might like to consider participating in a Wednesday after-school Literacy Support group focussing on literacy skills which are linked to an individual student's specific literacy demands. These classes provide an opportunity for a student to bring their current course work to a teacher-supported after-school program. There is no requirement for sustained attendance. Parents/guardians/carers are also most welcome to attend.

These sessions will be undertaken in Wannop Community, 3.30pm – 4.30pm on Wednesdays, starting from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Want to know more? Please contact Mr Ron Llewelyn ([llewelyn.ronald.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:llewelyn.ronald.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)) or Mrs Monica White ([white.monica.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:white.monica.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)), or contact the College on 5443 2133.

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## MUSIC WEEK

The Bendigo Instrumental Music Program will be holding its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Week on 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June. This is a week of working with guest conductors, participating in small and large ensembles and having fun with music students from other Secondary Government Colleges in Bendigo.

The cost for this event is \$120.00 and payments can be made at the general office.

At the conclusion of the week, there will be a concert at the Bendigo Baptist Church so that students can present their achievements.

Registration forms are to be handed in by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** to Mrs Johnston in the Performing Arts Building. If there are difficulties or concerns, please contact the College to discuss. We would like every music student (other than guitarists) to attend this event. Guitar students will have their own music week later in the year.

Music week forms are available from the Performing Arts office.

*Therese Johnston*  
**School Music Coordinator**

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## **BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAY: SUNDAY MAY 5TH**

Bendigo Senior Secondary College is opening its doors for its first Open Day for 2013 from 11am – 2pm on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a fantastic opportunity to tour our new and existing facilities and start the conversation about what the college can offer in 2014.





Over the past several years, BSSC has undergone significant building works resulting in a new Trade Training Centre, Language Centre and English classrooms. The Open Day on May 5<sup>th</sup> will provide you and your student a chance to see the results of this work and speak with teachers from across the college. Tours of the college grounds, led by members of the Student Council, will start from in front of the library and operate throughout the day.

Another exciting development is commencement of the building program for our new Performing Arts Centre. Built on the Bendigo Gaol site, this centre will not only house a 1000 seat theatre, but all BSSC performance subjects as well as the college canteen. There will also be a range of passive learning spaces for students to access. Our Specialist Programs will continue in 2014 and May 5<sup>th</sup> is the perfect opportunity to start conversations with teachers about what these can offer students who are passionate about a particular area of their studies.

College Principal Dale Pearce will also be presenting information about the college in James King Hall at 12.00pm and 1.00pm

All current and prospective parents and students are welcome to attend.



## STAFF PROFILES

### Karen Dale

**About me:** A member of the Weeroona College ZEST team. I have grown up in Bendigo, married to Matt and have a little girl, Alexys.

**AFL Team:** Carlton.

**Interests:** Family and sports.

**First Job:** Check out girl at IGA Long Gully.

**Pet:** No pets at present. My first pet was a cat called Fluffy.

**Favourite Musician:** Pink.

**Favourite Food:** Roast Chicken.



### Carl Rusbridge

**About me:** Human; born in Bendigo; married to Tania (no kids); school chaplain at WCB.

**AFL Team:** Collingwood.

**Interests:** AFL, basketball, lawn bowls and a bit of tennis; Movies; Reading; Gaming; Food; Naps.

**First Job:** Apple thinning at Franklin's orchards in Harcourt.

**Pet:** Reginald Monkey Rusbridge ("Reg" for short, feline fur ball).

**Favourite Musician:** Had a song off the new Presets album pumped up loud today in the car, most recent concert was Hot Chip.

**Favourite Food:** Italian (pizza, pasta, calzone etc).



### Janine Payne

**About me:** I grew up in the Woorinen North; studied teaching in Bendigo; now I work in the Library Team at Weeroona College Bendigo.

**AFL Team:** Essendon.

**Interests:** Travel, reading and gardening.

**First Job:** Picking apricots (not my favourite food).

**Pet:** Twelve year old Tibetan Spaniel cross Jack Russell named Bonnie.

**Favourite Musician:** Don't have a favourite.

**Favourite Food:** Love trying new dishes especially when sharing a meal with family and friends.





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## Weeroona College Bendigo

Would like to invite you to attend a presentation by

### Melinda Tankard Reist

On the sexualisation of girls in the media and popular culture: and what we can do about it. Melinda will also address how pornography is contributing to a distorted view of relationships & sexuality.

**On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the  
AT Dingle Performance Centre  
Weeroona College Bendigo**

**Time: 6.15pm for a 6.30pm (sharp) start – 7.30pm  
RSVP: May 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 to [weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
(No door entry on the night)**

Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She is author/editor of four books including *Getting Real: Challenging the Sexualisation of Girls* and *Big Porn Inc: Exposing the harms of the global pornography industry*.

Melinda is a columnist with the Melbourne Sunday Herald Sun and is a regular guest on Channel 7's Sunrise & Morning Show. She has also appeared on ABC Q&A as well as many other TV and radio programs.

Melinda is co-founder of the grassroots campaigning movement, *Collective Shout: for a world free of sexploitation*. She has been named in the *Who's Who of Australian Women* & the *World's Who's Who of Women*.

**This event is free to the Weeroona College Bendigo community (parents/guardians, teachers, staff and school council). If there are any concerns or questions, please contact Sarah Warburton (Secondary School Nurse) at WCB on 5443 2133 (Monday or Tuesday).**