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**WCB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST**  
2nd EMA Applications Close  
9th Student Free Day  
19th School Council Meeting (7pm)  

**SEPTEMBER**  
20th Last Day of Term 3  

**OCTOBER**  
13th Celebration Day  
21st School Council Meeting (7pm)  

**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

Interested in being a member of the Weeroona College Bendigo College Council?

We have two casual vacancies in the parent member section of our College council. These positions exist until February 2014.

- Do I need special experience to be on school council?
  No! What you need is an interest in our school and the ability to work cooperatively with others to help shape its future.

- Why is parent membership so important?
  Parents on councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

If you are interested in being co-opted onto our current college council as a parent representative please contact me by Friday 2 August on 5443 2133.

School Funding 2014 and beyond

The Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling found that our current school funding system has much need for improvement and that we need to deliver a fairer way of funding schools and in particular ensuring more funding for public schools such as ours. The federal government has developed a National Plan for School Improvement (NPSI), to give children the quality education they deserve and help them to get high skilled, high wage jobs in the future. At the time of writing this, Victoria has not yet signed up but hopefully we are close to a deal that has the potential to give our school a significant increase in our annual school budget.

Schools Water Efficiency Program

Last term I was successful in gaining a $2,000 grant to be part of the Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP). This has entitled us to a data logger on our mains water as well as access to a consultant for support. SWEP is a Victorian Government initiative funded by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and DEECD. The program allows schools to continuously track their water consumption through a water data logger and analyse the information obtained in the class room.

Staff Professional Learning Day

College Council has approved Friday 9 August 2013 to enable staff to learn more about the Implementation of AusVels (Australian Curriculum). We are fortunate to have Guest Presenter Dr David Howes, Executive Director Curriculum Division, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) presenting to the staff at our school on this day. Please note: this is a student free day.

Year 10 Trip to Queensland & Sydney

33 year 10 students, 2 senior teachers and 2 accompanying adults participated in a very successful, 8 night, bus trip to the Gold Coast and Sydney at the end of last term. A huge thanks to the staff that planned and went on the trip. By all accounts everyone had a fantastic time and the students who attended are to be commended on their outstanding behaviour.

DEECD Student Support Services (SSS)

As part of DEECD’s support of government schools, we have access to the following SSS staff: a Speech Pathologist, Social Worker and Psychologist. Staff at our school identify a need on behalf of a student, seek parent permission for a referral and then apply for the appropriate worker. A reminder to speak with a member of our ZEST wellbeing team if you think this might be appropriate for your child.

Uniform

At our last college council meeting, I reported that our uniform supplier had been unable to source the fabric for the polar fleece jumpers and they believe this will remain the case for some time yet. Fortunately, they are now selling our new rugby top which was a student initiative from last year and it is great to see students wearing these with pride.

Grant

We would like to thank the Bendigo Northern Community District Enterprise for the two grants we received from them during the holidays.

The first grant of $700.00 was given for the purchase of stands for the music department.

The second grant was for $800.00 to assist in the costs of running the Celebration Day coming up on the 13th October.

The BDNCE have been great supporters of our college and we thank them for their continued generosity.

Leanne Preece
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Weeroona College Bendigo Exchange Students

Weeroona College Bendigo has welcomed four exchange students to the college this semester. As mentioned in a previous edition of our newsletter, we have two students from France on short term exchanges and two students on longer 5 month exchanges. Over the coming weeks we will profile each of our exchange students.

Hello, my name is Axel B, I'm 16 years old. I was born on the 20th of March 1997. I come from Saintes in France, a small city with 60,000 people; I have lived there all my life. I like to play basketball and badminton, I also like going to the beach. In France it is very different to Australia, because at school the people in Australia are very easy to talk too compared to the people in France. In Australia classes are very open and I think this is good. I like this because it’s different to what I’m used to. I think Weeroona College Bendigo is a good school because it’s very big and there are good teachers. I like the design of each building in this school. I really enjoy the Gym because it’s a lot bigger here, and the buildings in France are big in height rather than long. So far I am enjoying my time in Australia and I am looking forward to the things that are to come.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28th February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2nd August 2013.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: Weeroona College Bendigo for an application form and for any other questions or enquiries.

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Upcoming Sports Events- Term 3

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Primary School Football and Netball Umpiring

On Wednesday 17th July, Weeroona College Bendigo students were involved in the Loddon Mallee Primary School Football Carnival, held at Catholic College, Junortoun. Over 20 boys from the college were involved in umpiring at the carnival which incorporates over 500 Primary school students from around the region. I would personally like to congratulate the boys on their efforts and the way that they conducted themselves throughout the course of the day. They all did a fine job and were great ambassadors for the college.

On Thursday 18th July, over 35 girls from Weeroona College Bendigo umpired at the Loddon Mallee Primary School Netball Carnival held at the Golden City Netball Complex. In extremely cold and trying conditions, all girls displayed admirable traits. Just like boys, all girls were fine ambassadors for the college. Thanks to Ms Purden for her help on this day.

State Cross Country Finals

On Thursday 18th July, four Students from Weeroona College Bendigo represented the school at Bundooma at the Victorian State Schools Cross Country Finals.

The four Students were all in the 13 year Age Group, Gaby R and Maddison H contested the Girls 3,000 metres, with Jordan W and Jarrett M taking part in the Boys 3,000 Metres.

Fine weather conditions were on display with the course in reasonable condition, but strong winds were encountered, and long hills combined with twists and turns made the course very demanding.

To the athletes credit, they performed very well and are to be complemented on their efforts.

Final placing’s were:

**13 Year Old Girls**
- Gaby R 12.56.5 - 56th
- Maddison H 13.20.5 - 72nd

**13 Year Old Boys**
- Jordan W 10.29. 4 - 11th
- Jarrett M 10.58.3 - 32nd

Victoria Schools Cycling Championships

On Thursday 25th July, the Bendigo region stage of the VSCC Road Series took place at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange. Weeroona College Bendigo had four competitors involved in the competition. These were Tess C (15 year girls), Connor Sens (15 year boys), Michael C (15 year boys) and Jaidyn S (15 year boys).

It was excellent to see all the competitors with their parents at the circuit ready to compete on such a brisk, cool morning. Congratulations to all competitors on their efforts and thanks to Mr Lawrance for his assistance at the event.

Weeroona College Bendigo will be holding a school social on Wednesday 31st July, 2013 in the A.T Dingle Performing Arts Building.

The social will begin at 7:00pm and finish at 10:00pm.

Parents are expected to collect their child promptly at 10.00pm from Weeroona College Bendigo. The cost per ticket is $5.00 with the theme ‘Superheroes and Villains’.

Students who wish to attend must have their permission form signed and returned at the time of purchasing their ticket. Tickets will be available on Friday 26th – Wednesday 31st July at lunchtimes in Katyil Learning Community.

Weeroona College Bendigo has a code of conduct that sets out eligibility for the social. Please contact your child’s Learning Community Leader if you have any queries or concerns.
ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN!

The college is currently taking enrolments for Year 7 2014.

Please ensure enrolment forms are returned to the Office ASAP.

MUSIC WEEK

Congratulations to all the students who participate in the Bendigo Instrumental Music Program Music Week.

Students worked hard in rehearsals, saw visiting performances and presented an amazing finale concert!!

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties at the venue, there will not be a DVD available of the Music Week concert. Families who ordered a DVD will receive a letter and refund in the post.

My apologies for the disappointment and inconvenience this causes. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to email Jane Geddes at geddes.jane.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

JUNIOR LEARN TO ROW

Would you like to learn to row? The next intake will be happening soon. The Junior Learn To Row program is suitable for students already in Year 8 and above.

Students in Year 6/7 can also get involved as coxswains. An information session (approximately 1/2 hour) will be held at 6:00pm on Monday, 22 July 2013 at the Lake Weeroona Pavilion. Students MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Visit our website http://home.vicnet.net.au/~bgorow or alternatively, e-mail your inquiries to bendigorc@live.com.au.
Bendigo TAFE Open Day

Bendigo City and Charleston Road Campuses

Sunday 18 August - 10.00am-2.00pm
McCrae Street, Bendigo and Charleston Road, Bendigo

Castlemaine Campus
Wednesday 21 August 4.00pm-6.00pm
65-67 Templeton Street, Castlemaine

Echuca Campus
Thursday 29 August 4.00pm-6.00pm
Corner Hare and Darling Streets, Echuca
Bendigo Senior Secondary College Open Day
Sunday 28 July : 11am-3pm

Bendigo Senior Secondary College opens its doors for the second Open Day of the year on Sunday 29 July from 11am-3pm. BSSC offers the widest range of curriculum choices in Victoria and promotes an environment in which your student can be supported by teachers who are experts in senior curriculum delivery. The college prides itself on being able to offer flexible delivery options to all students to meet their individual needs in addition to having extensive careers and wellbeing support available.

The Open Day gives you opportunities to speak with individual subject teachers, take a tour of our outstanding new college facilities led by a current student and to hear about our extensive range of Specialist Programs for 2014. During the day our staff will offer students assistance and guidance around our enrolment process, which has been streamlined into an online system, making it easier for students to submit their 2014 enrolment.
Learn to write rhymes & record your songs

FREE! 4:30-6 P.M. Thursdays

HIP HOP DROP

Learn to breakdance

St. Matthews, Long Gully
153 Eaglehawk Rd.
Ages 12-17
Ph: 0416468774
Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children's) long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children's resilience.

Robber # 1:
Fight all their battles for them
Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

- Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2:
Make their problem, your problem
Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here's a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

- Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3:
Give kids too much voice
In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

- Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4:
Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform
Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

- Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don't put excessive pressure on them.

Robber # 5:
Let kids give in too easily
Resilient learners link success with effort. They don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don't bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

- Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren't perfect.

Robber # 6:
Neglect to develop independence
Don't wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

- Resilience notion # 6: Don't routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Robber # 7:
Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations
There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

- Resilience notion # 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life's curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.