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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
28th Last Day of Term 2 – 2:30pm finish

JULY
15th First Day of Term 3
22nd School Council Meeting (7pm)
23rd BSSC Information Session for Students & Parents – A.T Dingle Building at WCB 7:00pm

AUGUST
9th Student Free Day (Staff Professional Learning Day)
19th School Council Meeting (7pm)

SEPTEMBER
20th Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER
13th Celebration Day

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
Weeroona College Bendigo Term 2 | 28th June, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mid-Year Reports
Semester one reports will be posted to parents today and you should receive them early next week. You will note that this report is slightly different due to the implementation of the AusVELS curriculum and I encourage you to read the letter that accompanies the reports. It has been some time since you received detailed, written reports on your child’s progress due to previous industrial action. I encourage parents and students to consider these reports closely. For every student in every class, reports provide a summary of work undertaken, results achieved and strategies for improvement. In combination with other assessment feedback provided so far this year, the reports indicate where students have done well and what they can do to improve. It’s very important that students take this advice on board and work with their teachers to achieve their very best.

Addressing Parent Cares and Concerns at Weeroona College Bendigo

Our focus at WCB is to always achieve the best outcomes for all of our students by providing a safe, caring and supportive learning environment and by building positive, supportive relationships between students, parents and staff.

Sometimes things go wrong and we try to address cares and concerns effectively.

Expectations:
Weeroona College Bendigo hopes that when raising a care or concern that you will:
- Do so promptly and as soon as possible after the issue occurs.
- Provide complete and factual information about the care or concern, preferably in writing.
- Maintain and respect the privacy and confidentiality of all parties.
- Acknowledge that a common goal is to achieve an outcome acceptable to all parties.
- Act in good faith, and in a calm and courteous manner.
- Show respect and understanding of each other’s point of view and value difference, rather than judge and blame.
- Recognise that all parties have rights and responsibilities which must be balanced.

Weeroona College Bendigo will ensure that the appropriate staff member addresses any care or concern received from parents courteously, efficiently, fairly, within the timeline agreed with you and in accordance with due process, principles of natural justice and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s regulatory framework.

Raising cares and concerns:
In the first instance, we recommend that your care or concern should be raised with us by telephoning, making an appointment and visiting and/or writing to:
- The student’s teacher about learning issues and incidents that happened in their class or group;
- The student’s Learning Advisor about an issue that is broader than that which occurs in a classroom.
- One of the Learning Community Leaders if students from several classes are involved or if this is not the first time that you have raised the concern
- The Assistant Principal or Principal about issues relating to school policy, school management, staff members or very complex student issues.
- If you are not sure who you should raise your concern with, please contact the office on 5443 2133 and they will direct you to the most appropriate staff member.

How we address your Cares and Concerns:
- All cares and concerns will be noted and acted upon promptly by the staff member who receives it.
- Please allow a staff member 24 hours to respond as they may be teaching, attending a meeting or involved in other work when you first make contact.
- The Assistant Principal, Principal, Learning Community Leader, Teacher, Learning Advisor or appropriate delegate will investigate your care or concern and will provide a response to you. This may be verbal or in writing depending upon what is agreed to by both parties.
- Concerns and concerns about general school matters (such as the timing of events, school policies and facilities) will be addressed by the Assistant Principal, Principal or a relevant staff member.
- Weeroona College Bendigo will make every attempt to resolve a concern or concern as quickly as possible. If a concern involves many students and a range of issues, the school will need more time to investigate and resolve it.
- Should the complaint involve complex issues, Weeroona College Bendigo may need to take advice from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Office, which may take more time. The school will advise you of the timeline for addressing the concern and the reasons for any delays. In all cases, the school will try to resolve a concern or complaint as soon as is possible.

Have you heard of Qooh.me?
Yet another social media site that our teens and tweens are taking to and one which parents need to know about. Qooh.me allows users to ask one another questions anonymously. Think about that.
So very easy to sign up. In fact, the site brags that it only takes ‘45 seconds’ to sign up. There is no age restriction. No privacy settings! Simply create a user name and a password, add an email address and you are in.

Children, tweens and teens can interact with adults with no indication as to who is who and more disturbingly vice versa. You can add a photo but who knows if it is you or not. The site provides protection for teens to ask each other anonymous questions! You can only imagine where this can lead.

To ask questions you don’t even have to log in or have an account. All you need to know is the person’s username or look up anyone whether you know them or not. If inappropriate questions are asked, there is no way users can be reported or blocked and no way to know who has asked or answered them. Qooh.me makes a bold statement: ‘The aim is NOT to spread gossip or bully and harass people’, yet there does not appear to be any monitoring or filtering and sadly and probably predictably this is precisely what some teens are using it for.

My advice - Talk to your young people and see who is using Qooh.me and other similar sites. Discuss the relative merits of being able to post anonymously. Become involved in what your kids are into so that you are empowered to deal with whatever comes next.

**Farewell - Retirement**

Trudy Llewelyn will be finishing work at our college this term. Trudy has been a valued and dedicated office staff member for 23 years. We thank Trudy for all her hard work. Trudy has been highly instrumental in the running of Awards Evenings, Start-up Days, EMA and HR at our college. We wish Trudy well in her retirement.

Donna Normoyle will be replacing Trudy for the remainder of 2013.

**New School Opening Celebration- Sunday October 13th, 2013, 11.30am to 2.30pm.**

We would like to invite past and future students, parents, staff and community members to come and help us celebrate our fifty plus years of education and the opening of our fabulous new school, Weeroona College Bendigo, a 24 million dollar investment in excellence. This is a terrific opportunity to come and see what learning looks like in state of the art facilities and help us celebrate our history at the same time. Lots of fun activities are planned for all the family including the opportunity to share lunch with us and we hope to see you there. Venue: Weeroona College Bendigo, 383 Napier Street, Bendigo

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Year 10 Work Experience & Queensland Trip**

This week is a busy week for the majority of our Year 10 students, as they are involved in either work experience or the annual Queensland/Sydney tour. All students that are on the Queensland trip will be completing work experience over the school holidays. We have approximately 144 students involved in our work-experience program and should thank Linda Quarrier for all her hard work in ensuring that these students were ready to go out and experience some exciting new things. Our students have been provided with some unique opportunities, completing work placements at work places such as; Melbourne Football Club, Australian Turntables, TVN Racing, Cornerstore Media, SimR Restaurant, Champion Data, Tallis, Scope, Pixel, Kitchen, as well as having our first physiotherapy and podiatry placements.

Approximately 35 students and staff members left Bendigo last Sunday morning at about 10:30am for the express, 23 hour bus ride to the Gold Coast. Their first stop being Wet and Wild water slide theme park. Whilst on tour they will visit Movie World, Dream World, Manly, ride the Sydney Ferries, as well as taking in the other sights of Sydney. We very much look forward to hearing of the students adventure in Queensland and in Sydney and the wonderful learning opportunities that our students are being provided with whilst out on workexperience.

Leanne Preece  
Principal

DEVICE 1  

DEVICE 2  

DEVICE 3  

Jason Bysouth  
Assistant Principal
FROM THE GENERAL 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 a permission form home 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 7 & 8 Sandhurst Division Badminton
On Tuesday the 18th June, a group of Year 7 & 8 boys and girls from Weeroona College Bendigo represented our college in the Sandhurst Division Badminton Championship at the Eaglehawk Badminton Complex. All students who participated did a fantastic job and represented the school well.

The Weeroona College Bendigo Year 8 boys and girls teams were fortunate enough to win their year level as did the Year 7 boys’ team. The Year 7 girls' team did well and finished equal 5th. The successful teams from Weeroona College Bendigo will now represent the Sandhurst Division in the Loddon Mallee Badminton finals to be held at Kyabram on Thursday 25th July.

Sandhurst Division Netball Carnival
On Tuesday 18th June, the Sandhurst Division Year 7 & 8 Netball carnival took place at the Golden City Netball complex. Although Weeroona College Bendigo did not obtain victory in any of the divisions, all students who competed were excellent in their approach and effort. Thanks to the coaches and VET Sport and Recreation students who coached and assisted throughout the course of the day.

School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Titles
Congratulations to Jordan W, Madison H and Gabby R who produced strong results in the Loddon Mallee Cross Country Championships held in St Arnaud. The trio will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Titles to be held at Bundoor Park, Melbourne on Thursday 18th July. We wish them all the best at the State titles.

Pierre de Coubertin Awards
Congratulations to Sarah W who received the Pierre de Coubertin award on the weekend of the 16th June at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The award is great recognition for Sarah who has been an integral part of the college sports program whether that be participating or assisting and co-ordinating events. This award is given by the Victorian Olympic Movement, and generally there is one recipient per secondary school across the state. Sarah was involved in an awards ceremony and a variety of leadership activities on this day.
Sarah had to produce a literacy or artistic piece to go with her nomination. Sarah produced an excellent drawing displaying the ideals of the Olympic movement. This piece was of an exceptional standard. Consequently, Sarah was judged to have produced the best Artistic piece received throughout the entire state and was awarded the first prize in relation to this award. Congratulations from the college community on winning this award.

Upcoming Sports Events- Term 2 & 3

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MUSIC

Music Grant
The Committee for the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise recently advised the College that our application requesting $700.00 for the purchase of 10 new music stands was successful. We are thrilled with this announcement and appreciate the grant enormously. Our Instrumental Music Program has grown this year and when the junior and senior bands merge next term, there will be sufficient music stands for them to use during rehearsals. These stands will be purchased at J's Music. The presentation will be made at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, White Hills on Tuesday July 9th at 7.00pm.

Music Week
For the past week, 40 of our Instrumental Music students have been participating in Music Week. It was a week filled with sectional rehearsals, full ensemble rehearsals, fun-filled hours with students from the other Government Secondary Colleges and of course eating the famous muffins. Students had their instruments out every day and under the guidance of visiting conductors they developed skills in reading, listening to, singing and playing music.

UNIFORM SHOP

Start of Term 3
The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:00 – 9:30am on the first day back at school which is the 15th July, 2013.

Rugby Jumpers
The new Rugby Jumpers are now in store at the Uniform Shop and can be purchased for $79.95. These jumpers are available for all students within the college and are replacing the Polar Fleece Jumpers which we are unable to get for the remainder of the year.

The Uniform Swap Shop
For buying and selling your child’s requirements for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au. Buy and sell; uniforms, books, sport equipment, instruments, camera and film, art supplies, electronics, CD’s and DVD’s. All sales assist YOUR school community and The Allannah and Madeline Foundation. The site is easy to navigate, easy to buy, easy to sell and has 24 hour access to all goods.
SCHOOLKIDS BONUS

Need a boost to your mid-year school budget?
The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205.00 for each primary student and up to $410.00 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment. If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by the 29th June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return. To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

WANTED

Any second hand but preferably working exercise bikes that are no longer being used. The Energy Vehicle Program at Weeroona College Bendigo is in need of a few more stationary exercise bikes for training purposes. They will be given to a good home and will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Justin Hird or Tim Lawrance at Weeroona College Bendigo on 5443 2133 for more information

CAREERS

BSSC Information Session
On Tuesday 23rd July, there will be a Bendigo Senior Secondary College Information session for both Students and Parents in the A.T. Dingle Building at Weeroona College Bendigo. The session will begin at 7:00pm.

MARKET NIGHT

On the 13th June, Weeroona College Bendigo held its first ever Market night. This was a huge success thanks to all the hard work of Sarah Smith (Indonesian Teacher) and the students and parents.

The whole idea of a Market Night was brought about by Kayla O and Gaby J and their parents discussing past fundraisers they had participated in. This started with 12 possible stalls and stretched to include 39 different stall holders, a BBQ and Coffee Express, a raffle with over 50 prizes and a silent auction.

There were many businesses helping with Fundraising donations, such as Palmer’s Gym, Woolworths Epsom, The Zone, Dragon City Lanes, Jools for Jim, Baker’s Delight, Kraft, Video Ezy, IGA, McDonalds and Hungry Jacks. Thanks also to Judy Kidman for donating her amazing Bird House.

By the end of the night, $1,792.00 was raised. This money will be divided evenly between the students who contributed with the planning and running of the night and are going on the Bali trip later this year.

A very big thank you to the students and parents who came and helped on the night and are not attending this trip: Janelle Purtill, Lewis H, Emily and Janeen B, Chelsea H and Lucy and Brooke M. The majority of stallholders were happy with the evening and are keen to participate again next year which is a very positive reflection on our school.

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO MEETING

The Whipstick Ward meeting in North Bendigo will be held on Monday July 1st from 7pm – 8.30pm at the North Bendigo Football Club rooms, Atkins Street.

City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Councillors Peter Cox, Mayor Lisa Ruffell and James Williams invite all interested members of the community to attend to discuss a range of issues important to them.

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Getting in the car with a learner driver can be a very stressful & daunting time for all. Here at O’Connell Driver Training, our customer’s needs are of the utmost importance. Peter, Sue & Fiona are committed to meeting those needs. We have both auto & manual vehicles & with our teaching techniques we can have you out on the road in no time enjoying a relaxed comfortable drive. We are also Keys to Drive Accredited so you can get your first lesson free! With school holidays coming up now is the perfect time to get some lessons. Call Fiona TODAY on 0410 364 05.

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Hello!

We would like to invite you to take part in the MSRF Future Rural Leaders Program which will be conducted at Narmbool in Elaine (near Ballarat) from 7th to 14th July 2013. We are looking for young rural Victorians who are interested in building their leadership skills so they can contribute to rural communities.

We still have some places available for the week long, residential program and we would be delighted if you would join us. Sign up quickly! Accommodation, food and course costs are covered by MSRF and sponsors.

ABOUT THE MSRF FUTURE RURAL LEADERS PROGRAM
This program aims to grow existing leadership skills, foster new leadership skills, and build a network of young leaders in rural/regional Victoria. The program is run in partnership with Living Leadership Australia http://livingleadership.net.au

To hear perspectives from previous participants, and to get more information, please see: http://msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-programs/future-rural-leaders-program

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?
To confirm your place in the program, please enroll online at: http://goo.gl/zqqQ2
You will also be required to pay a $50 non-refundable deposit (instructions to pay are included at the enrollment page). This deposit is offset by the payment of a $50 travel allowance to all participants who complete the program. Once enrolment is completed and payment is made you will be sent a confirmation email.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
• Seven day residential program conducted at Narmbool in Elaine from 7th to 14th July 2013
• Participants are selected based on the strength of their previous MSRF scholarship applications and/or other engagements with MSRF programs and partners
• Open to 32 youth participants from rural & regional Victoria
• Designed for young people with demonstrated leadership capabilities or potential
• Focus on “transformational leadership” – the ability to drive positive change in a rural community
• Experiential learning based on group activities and supplemented by guest speakers
• Opportunity to learn about Narmbool and participate in environmentally focused activities
• All participants learn how to develop an action plan for a project to help their own community
• All participants are provided with meals, accommodation and a travel allowance
• Program is available to you regardless of whether or not you enrolled at university in 2013
• After the residential program you will be invited to other events as a member of the MSRF alumni network
• Travel provided between Ballarat Station and Narmbool
• An amazing experience with 31 other young people in a beautiful location. Many previous participants have described it as life-changing!

Narmbool is a farm that has been gifted to Sovereign Hill and it runs with a strong environmental focus. A special residential and learning centre has been designed and built using best practice sustainable design principles.

You are very welcome to contact me by email or to phone our office on (03) 6281 8303 if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you at Narmbool!

Your sincerely,
Pete Ekstedt
Executive Officer
Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation
pete@msrf.org.au

This project has been supported by Regional Development Victoria through the Regional Growth Fund.
Oceania Cup Table Tennis Tournament on in Bendigo over the School Holidays

The Cup runs from Sunday 30th June to Tuesday 2nd July 2013. Entry for spectators is free for all of Sunday 30th June and the daytime session Monday 1st July.

This would make a great School Holiday outing, with a chance see some spectacular world class Table Tennis a number of Olympians are competing.

It’s at the Bendigo Stadium (Schweppes Centre) and tickets will be available at the Stadium or booking details etc are below.

Find out more about the ITTF-Oceania (Oceania Table Tennis Federation) at http://ittfoceania.com/ittfoceaniacup/

For Tickets go to http://www.bendigotourism.com/tours/bendigo/ittf-oceania-cup#/tours/62881
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