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Chaplain | Carl Rusbridge
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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY
20th School Council Meeting (7pm)
21st Immunisations:
- Year 7 Boys & Girls
- Year 9 Boys
22nd Cross Country (Year 7 – 10)
24th Bendigo Music Competitions

JUNE
7th Pupil Free Day (Report Writing Day)
10th Queen’s Birthday Holiday
24th Music Week begins
26th Last Day of Term 2 – 2:30pm finish

Katyil
Leaders
Bree McKern
Sue Pollard

Learning Advisors
L7A Carolyn Jones
L7B Dianne Andrea
L8A Gary Schroeder
L9A Helen Peppinck
L1A Brian Edebohs
L1B Mark Adams

Wannop
Leaders
Justin Hird
Monica White
Ron Llewelyn

Learning Advisors
W7A Monica White
W8A Tracey Lee
W9A Ben Lee
W9B Chloe Neath
W1A Sarah Smith
W1B Ron Llewelyn
Primary Paul Ellis

Learning Advisors
K7A Marion Stewart
K7B James Ginnivan
K8A Erin Pilkington
K8B Amanda Southcombe / Kellie Roberts
K9A David Crowley
K9B Paul O’Shea
K1A Alan Aylward

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
8.15am – 4.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm

SCHOOL TIMES
Start 9.00am
Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm
Recess 1.45pm - 2.05pm
Finish 3.15pm
PRINCIPALS REPORT

Energy Drinks
What’s in the can/bottle? It’s not alcohol, although it can make your child nauseous, sick and dizzy. It’s not cigarettes, although it can make you irritated, nervous and anxious. It’s not a narcotic, although it can cause sweating, heart palpitations and cardiac arrest. It’s caffeine, and the energy drinks many teenagers are loading up on, with their fancy packaging, cool ads and celebrity endorsements to make them irresistible, are packed with it. Some of these drinks contain more caffeine than five cups of coffee and they hide in them a whole host of other, nasty ingredients. They can be deadly when mixed with alcohol or other drugs or if your child has a reaction to caffeine. So next time they ask for an energy drink such as Red Bull, V or Mother, think about what they’re really asking for.

Please note: Energy Drinks are prohibited at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Cooks and Kids Project
"Camera, Lights Action...." and Cooks and Kids’ a project that aims to promote the message that cooking and eating healthy food is easy, economical and fun has begun. The project involves primary and secondary students from Lightning Reef and White Hills Primary Schools and our own students from Weeroona College Bendigo, as well as leading chefs from local restaurants.

Cooks and Kids is being made in the form of six episodes of a television show that will be screened on Bendigo IPTV as a means of ensuring as many Bendigo families can benefit from the project as possible, along with creating an exciting opportunity and experience for students both participating, and helping to make the program. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students who are the hosts and film makers for the production.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Uniform
It is a College Council policy that all students must wear College Uniform at all times at school. Weeroona College Bendigo uniform consists of the following:

OUTER GARMENTS
- Navy Woollen Jumper
- College Polar Fleece
- College Spray Jacket
- College Rugby Top
- College Scarf

SHIRTS
- College Polo Shirt
- White long sleeve business shirt and college tie
- College PE shirt to be worn on physical education or sports days

TROUSER, SLACKS & SHORTS
- Navy College trousers or slacks (Choice of styles available from shop)
- Navy College shorts are a summer option for all students

DRESSES/SKIRTS
- College winter skirt and navy tights or socks
- College summer dress and white ankle socks

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT
- Choice of 2 styles of navy shorts
- College navy track pants
- College PE/Sport white & navy polo top

Students who attend school without correct school uniform will be expected to exchange their incorrect items for freshly laundered spare items which are kept in each of the Learning Communities. Spare items kept in the communities include; polo shirts, polar fleece jumpers and black leather shoes.

Leanne Preece
Principal

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 Exursion 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

WCB Cross Country - Wednesday 22nd May
Year 7 & 8 – Compulsory
Event will take place immediately after Advisory session on Wednesday 22nd May. All students are to meet at the Basketball area located near Wannop where all students will walk down to the Lake to complete the event. All students are to wear complete WCB Sports Uniform on this day. Permission notes will be handed out preceding the event.

Year 9 & 10 – Not Compulsory
Students wishing to be involved in the Year 9 and 10 events are to meet at the Wannop Basketball Court at the beginning of Period 2. Only students who have forwarded their name to Mr McCormick prior to this day will be eligible to participate. Meetings will be held and each community will be visited by Mr McCormick to collect names of Year 9 and 10 students wishing to compete. All students are to wear complete WCB Sports Uniform on this day. Permission notes will be handed out preceding the event.

Year 10 Girls Football
On Tuesday 14th May 2013, the Year 10 Girls Football team from Weeroona College Bendigo competed in the Sandhurst Division Year 10-12 Girls Football Carnival staged at Weeroona Oval. The girls had an enjoyable experience and all put in excellent effort throughout the day. Although the team were competing against girls in Year 11 and 12, they competed in a fine manner, and the overall scores were not a true reflection of the games. The first game saw the Weeroona Warriors defeated by Catholic College Bendigo by eleven points. The second game saw the Weeroona College Bendigo girls defeated by 3 goals by a strong Bendigo Senior Secondary College outfit.

Congratulations to Ruby C who received the best player medallion for Weeroona College Bendigo and a special thanks to Miss Windridge for her help in coaching the team.

Sport Dates - Term 2

| Mon 20th May | -Netball (Year 9 &10 Girls, A & B Team) |
| Wed 22nd May | WCB Cross Country |
| Tues 28th May | Sandhurst Division Cross Country – Sebastian Harness Racing Club |
| Tues 4th June | Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country - St Arnaud |
| Thurs 13th June | Year 7 Boys Football |
| Tues 18th June | -Netball (Year 7 &8 Girls, A & B Teams) |
| Thurs 20th June | Year 8 Boys Football |
MUSIC

The Bendigo Instrumental Music Program will be holding its 25th Annual Music Week on 24th – 27th June, 2013. 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.

Music Week registration forms are available from the Performing Arts office and are to be handed in as soon as possible to Mrs Johnston. If there are any 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.

Therese Johnston
School Music Coordinator

ADVANCE PROGRAM

The Advance Students at Weeroona College Bendigo will be working on a project over the next two terms to raise funds for the Kasmuir community in the city of Lautoka, Fiji. This community was hit by a cyclone last year which damaged a community church. Funds are being raised to complete the restoration of the church. Students are working on raising $3,000.00 to cover this part of the project.

The students have accepted the challenge to help this community. Raffles, Trivia nights, Car Boot Sales and other activities are planned to raise funds. Last term students worked with the Bendigo City Council to help run the Victorian Playgroup Day. The student engagement with the community on the day was fantastic and they will shortly receive recognition certificates from the Bendigo Council. As part of our course requirement each student is required to volunteer with a community on a monthly basis. Most students have fulfilled this aspect our class and at the end of the term we will put information about their experiences on our College website.

As part of project to help the people in Kasmuir, students will continue to raise money and seek sponsorship to travel to Fiji and spend a week in Kasmuir to help with the restoration project. This would be a unique experience for our students. However, to facilitate these activities students will need to raise an additional $9,000.00. This seems ambitious, but the students believe it is possible to accomplish this target. We will monitor our progress over the next few months and have a parent evening to discuss this initiative once our fundraising starts to develop some positive outcomes. Students are now selling raffle tickets which are $2.00 each and can be purchased outside the canteen and during advisory. You will then go into the draw to win an iPad Mini. Please support our students in their fundraising efforts.
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 28th May 2013 at the
AT Dingle Performance Centre
Weeroona College Bendigo
Time: 6.15pm for a 6.30pm (sharp) start – 7.30pm
RSVP: May 21st 2013 to 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).
headspace parent forum

headspace Bendigo is presenting a free parent forum for parents/caregivers of young people aged 12-25 years.

Do you have any concerns with your child/young adult in regards to the follow?

- drug and alcohol issues
- Isolation and loss of friendship group
- problems at school
- mood changes/feeling sad/irritable
- out of character behaviour

Our forum will provide information regarding young people;

- early warning signs
- where to access support
- strategies about how to address issues that may arise
- Q & A time to ask specific questions

This forum will give you some tools to take back into your home environment and an understanding of why this maybe happening.

Date:      Tuesday 21 May
Time:      12.30pm - 2.00pm
Where:    headspace Bendigo
           192 Hargreaves St (upstairs)
RSVP:     Friday May 17
headspace Bendigo
           5434 3939
Cost:     No Charge

Further information please call 5434 3939