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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
7th Pupil Free Day (Report Writing Day)
10th Queen’s Birthday Holiday
13th Weroona College Bendigo Market Night
23rd Year 10 Queensland Camp depart
24th Music Week begins
28th Last Day of Term 2 – 2:30pm finish

JULY
15th First Day of Term 3
22nd School Council Meeting (7pm)

AUGUST
19th School Council Meeting (7pm)

SEPTEMBER
20th Last Day of Term 3

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

Education Funding
In the coming weeks, parents can expect to see education funding continuing to be featured in the media as the 30th June deadline nears for agreement over the National Plan for School Improvement. The federal plan, if supported by the Victorian government, will deliver significant additional funding to government schools to support improvements in teaching and learning outcomes.

I see significant alignment between the objectives of the Federal government and the Victorian government’s educational priorities and I am hopeful an agreement can be reached. The alternative, for students and our society, is a continuation of the current flawed funding models which drive disparity in student experiences and results. Money is not the absolute answer, but it’s a very significant part of the solution. I encourage parents to follow this important public debate.

Student Attendance
Congratulations to the many students who have had a fantastic start to Term 2 by attending all classes and making very sound progress.

A reminder that when full attendance is not possible, we ask that the college be notified by using one of the following methods (in order of preference):
- Notify the college absence line on 4433 4911 as soon as you are aware of the absence (even if in advance). The absence line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If an absence occurs and the college has not been notified, an SMS will be sent on that day to the parent/carer. We ask that you respond to that message immediately with a reason for the absence.
- If the above process is unable to occur, please provide a written explanation upon the student’s immediate return to the college.

We value the opportunity to work in partnership with parents/carers to support successful student outcomes.

Are you encouraging your child to read printed materials at home?
For the first time, children are spending more time reading on computers or other electronic devices than on books, magazines and comics. 39% of children read daily using electronic devices - including tablets and eReaders - but only 28% read printed materials daily. Research also shows those who read print are nearly twice as likely to be above average readers as children who read electronically (26% as opposed to 15.5%). In addition, those who only read on screen are four times less likely to say they enjoy reading (12% compared with 51%) according to the Annual survey of the reading habits of 34,910 eight to sixteen year-olds carried out by the UK National Literacy Trust. We need to promote a better balance between using books and technological devices for reading because, while the positive impact which technology has on bringing further reading opportunities to young people is welcome, it is crucial that reading in print is not cast aside. At Weeroona College Bendigo, we are great community of readers and our Global Learning Centre has lots of things to read. Are you encouraging your child to read printed materials at home? As part of our students study at home, we expect a minimum of 30 minutes reading daily.

“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.” -Maya Angelou

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Youth Leadership & Business Summit
I would like to congratulate Josh B on his successful nomination to be part of the 2013 Youth Leadership & Business Summit. Josh was one of only two students from across Bendigo to be selected to participate in this exciting leadership opportunity.

The program is designed to show youth how to become world-class leaders by:
- Creating the life you want for yourself and others.
- Identifying personal leadership strengths.
- Eliminating fears and negative self-talk.
- Creating your own financial destiny.

The summit will take place during the first week of the holidays in Noosa, Queensland and will feature inspiring speakers from around the world, sharing their wisdom in a fun and interactive way. We look forward to hearing of Josh’s experience early next term.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL 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.

**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 i.e. 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.

**SPORT**

**Upcoming Sport Events- Term 2**

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**Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 17th May 2013, the Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival was held at the Latrobe University Athletics Complex, Flora Hill. It was fantastic to witness our student’s involvement and great to see they were striving to do their best all day.

Over the course of the day, a number of students won their particular event and will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo in the Loddon Mallee Championships to be held at the same venue on Thursday October 10th, 2013. Weeroona College Bendigo finished the carnival winning their particular division pennants in both the boys and girls divisions.

Below is a list of the students who won their particular events and will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo in the Loddon Mallee Athletics Carnival:

- Jordan W - 13 year old 1500m & 800m
- Jarrett M - 13 year old 1500m
- Coen C - 13 year old Shot Put
- Gabby R - 13 year old 1500m, 800m & 400m
- Bailey E - 15 year old 1500m
- Spain N - 15 year old 800m
- Iliesa S - 15 year old Hurdles
- Brooke L - 15 year old High Jump
- Karly M - 15 year old Javelin & Discus
- Jordan T - 16 year old Shot Put
- Ruby C - 16 year old Javelin, Shot Put & Triple
- Zoe D - 16 year old High Jump, Hurdles & Long Jump

A special congratulations also goes to Karly M (15 year old Discus), Iliesa S (15 year old Hurdles), Brooke Lawry (15 year old High Jump) and Ruby C (16 year old Javelin and Triple Jump) who set new records on the day. Well done to all students involved throughout the course of the day.

**Year 9 & 10 Sandhurst Division Soccer Carnival**

On Monday 20th May 2013, the Year 9 and 10 Sandhurst Division Soccer Carnival was staged at the Epsom Soccer complex. The day was played in mild but overcast conditions with a little rain at the end of the day.

The Weeroona College Bendigo Girls competed well throughout the day and were victorious in their first game against Eaglehawk Secondary College. The girls were well led up front by Caitlin G who was deadly in front of goals. Weeroona College Bendigo was far from disgraced in their next two games against Bendigo South East Secondary College and Crusoe College, losing hard fought tussles in both games. Stronger players throughout the course of the day were Caitlin G, Jessica P, Georgia C and Karly M. Well done to all girls involved.

The Weeroona College Bendigo Boys team worked extremely well collectively in all of their games. They were beaten 1-0 in their first match against Bendigo South East Secondary College. Whilst there were chances to win the match, we could not capitalize on several opportunities. The second game saw Weeroona College Bendigo have a victory over East Loddon P-12. Weeroona College Bendigo then took on Catholic College Bendigo in the Semi Final. In a very skilful and entertaining game, Weeroona College Bendigo drew with the highly fancied CCB. The dreaded penalty shootout would decide the finalist for the competition. Amid much tension and excitement, CCB won the shootout by the narrowest of margins, 3-4. A disappointing way to lose, but a sensational effort by all the boys involved. A tremendous effort from all boys involved throughout the course of the day. Stronger players in a very even spread included goal keeper Paul C, defender Mick M and midfielders Bu Gay and Eh.

Well done to all players, individuals who helped with the set up and pack up of the day, lines people and to Mac Whittle for his efforts in refereeing all day.

**Weeroona College Bendigo Cross Country**

The Weeroona College Bendigo Cross Country took place on Wednesday 22nd May, 2013 at Lake Weeroona. The event was compulsory for Year 7 and 8 students and optional for Year 9 and 10 students. Many students competed with great determination and effort.
Below is the winner of each particular age group and the other students who placed in the top 5.

These individuals will represent the college at the Sandhurst Division Cross Country:

**12-13 BOYS**
- Jarrett M
- Jordan W
- Jack L
- Caleb E
- Daniel S

**12-13 GIRLS**
- Gabrielle R
- Maddison H
- Shay P
- Irene M
- Jess S

**14 BOYS**
- Adam D
- Tom M
- Aaron R
- Joseph B
- Luke H

**14 GIRLS**
- Meg R
- Breanna T
- Sally W
- Tasmyn G
- Kyrah P

**15 BOYS**
- Tallis M
- Bailey E
- Spain N
- Harry B
- Michael F

**15 GIRLS**
- Georgia C
- Brooke L

**16 BOYS**
- Eh
- Brandt W
- Kyle H
- Joel S
- Mitch D

**16 GIRLS**
- Bree E
- Sarah W

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**Sandhurst Division Cross Country**

The Sandhurst Division Cross Country was held on Tuesday 28th May at the Sebastian Recreation Reserve. The Weeroona College Bendigo team produced excellent results with the boys team finishing outright second and the girls team finishing outright third. Overall, Weeroona College Bendigo finished in third position. This was a fantastic effort from all students involved. A highlight of the day was the performance of the 14 Boys team who won the competition. This team included Tallis M, Spain N, Harry B and Michael F. Other highlights included Gabby R who finished 2nd in the individual 13 Girls competition, Jordan W who finished second in the individual 13 Boys competition and Jarrett M who finished 3rd in the individual boys competition.

The following competitors will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo in the Loddon Mallee Cross Country Championships to be held at St Arnaud Recreation Reserve on Tuesday 4th June.

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**MUSIC**

Our Junior and Senior Bands took part in the recent Bendigo Competitions on Friday May 24th, 2013 and did remarkably well. They each received a Silver Certificate for their participation in the Novice and Intermediate sections of the Secondary College Instrumental Competition. Last year they received Bronze Certificates, so the results this year were most pleasing.

Students enjoyed the experience of performing for an audience but they also gained a great deal by listening to other bands of a similar standard and also bands that were more advanced.

The students behaved beautifully and it was a joy to take them on this excursion. Congratulations to all our Concert Band members and a big thank you to the Band Directors, John Matthews (Junior Band) and Warwick Cohen (Senior Band) for preparing the students so thoroughly.

_Therese Johnston_  
_Music Co-ordinator_

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**CAREERS**

**Australian Air Force Cadets**

Do you have an interest in aviation? Want to improve your leadership skills? Maybe you're considering a career in the Defence Force or aviation. Do you love to challenge yourself, have fun and meet new friends?

If you are aged between 13 and 17 the Australian Air
Weeroona College Bendigo

Force Cadets could be for you! Come along to our information night Monday 17th of June, 2013 from 7:30-9:30pm or call in any Monday evening during the term from 7:00 -9:00pm for a chat. You will find us at Passchendaele Barracks, 101 Atlas Road, Junortoun.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact us 5449 5546 or 0406 564 663

STAFF PROFILES

Bree McKern
AFL Team: Essendon
Interests: Netball, Shopping & Travelling
First Job: Working at Lifestyle Fitness
Pet: Beagle named Fendi
Favourite Musician: My Husband
Favourite Food: Nachos from Mexican Kitchen

Leanne Miller
About me: Mum of three boys; Leroy, Isaiah and Asher. I have lived in many places including Horsham, Mildura, Rochester, Melbourne, Ararat, Canberra, Adelaide, and Mooloolaba.
AFL Team: Geelong
Interests: Watching my two older boys play sport, playing dinosaurs with my youngest boy, gardening, reading, craft and watching movies.
First Job: Bank clerk.
Pet: 1 dog (Max) and 1 cat (Lucky). Our very special labrador, Polly, died last year when she was 14.
Favourite Musician: Ranges from Cat Stevens to the Red Hot Chilli Peppers with many others in between.
Favourite Food: Home-made pizza. I’m not a great cook (just ask my boys) but this one I do well.

Tim McInnes
About me: I have a wife, Rachel and 3 little boys, Levi, Reilly and Toben. We have a busy house and love it!
AFL Team: West Coast Eagles – not sure what’s happening there!
Interests: I love mountain bike riding and quite enjoy five-a-side soccer. I also love technology and have to watch myself as I can spend hours learning new things on the computer that I will probably never use.
First Job: Leaflet deliverer for Hollywood’s Pizza. I used to get $50 to deliver leaflets to half of Benalla once a month (about 9 hours work!).
Pet: None, the kids are enough.
Favourite Musician: Will Reagan and the United Pursuit
Favourite Food: All foods, but mum’s choc-mint cheese cake is hard to beat.

Leanne Preece
AFL Team: The Courageous CATs
Interests: Travelling, cooking and tasting food from various countries, creating art, reading, boating and family.
First Job: Helping on the family farm
Pet: West Highland White Terrier - Dougall
Favourite Musician: I enjoy a wide range of music from classical to pop.
Favourite Food: Thai, Spanish, Moroccan and chocolate....lots of chocolate

PROUSE’S ROAD CROSSING

Lightning Reef and Kalianna met with representatives from the City of Greater Bendigo. We are investigating the possibility of getting a safe, supervised crossing for Prouse’s Road. To put in a submission to the CoGB, we need to know who crosses Prouse’s Road to get to school. If you drive your child to school, but would allow them to walk if there was a safe crossing, we need to hear from you too. Please complete the reply slip and return to school by Wednesday of next week. Thank you.

Reply Slip- PROUSE’S RD CROSSING

Name: ...............................................................
Number of children: ...........................................

Please tick box(es) below

☐ I / We cross Prouse’s Road to get to get to Weeroona College Bendigo.
☐ Walk ☐ by bike/scooter
☐ I drive my child(ren) to school and we cross Prouse’s Road.
☐ My child(ren) cross Prouse’s Rd to get to Weeroona College Bendigo
World ‘No Tobacco’ Day
Friday 31st May, 2013
Pledge to quit on Facebook!

8 out of 10 smokers start in adolescence.

1 out of 2 smokers die from diseases caused by smoking.

The choice to smoke is one that should be taken very seriously. So how can we help our teens to make good choices?

Educate your teen about smoking

Some teens may not ‘get’ the long term effects, so emphasise the immediate health risks like:

- Reduced fitness levels
- Nasty smelling breath
- Stained teeth and fingers
- Wasting money that could be used for clothes, music or other items
- The difficulty of stopping smoking once symptoms of addiction to nicotine appear.
- Symptoms can develop within days and weeks of starting to smoke

Be a good role model by not smoking

- Set a good example by not smoking yourself. Research shows that teens are less likely to smoke if their main carers do not smoke.
- If you have found quitting difficult and still smoke, don’t give up on giving up.
- Ask your teen for their support during your next quit attempt. Seeing how tough quitting can be will help them to steer clear of smoking completely.

Other ideas to reinforce the non-smoking message:

- Don’t permit anyone to smoke in your house.
- Don’t send your child to buy cigarettes for you or anyone else.
- Encourage sport and physical activity for all family members.
- Discuss the issue of smoking with your child when you see other people smoke.
- Don’t let your child light a cigarette for you or anyone else.
- If there are adult smokers in the house, make sure they keep their cigarettes where your child cannot access them.

Giving up the fags!

Not starting smoking at all is much easier than having to give up, but giving up is possible!

It can be difficult, and sometimes it takes quite a few goes to succeed. But the good news is - there is lots of support out there for people who want to give up and getting help will make the process so much easier!

Get some coaching: A coach gives you structure, motivation, support, new skills and confidence, and increases the chances of staying quit for much longer. It’s much harder to feel this when you’re trying to quit on your own.

- Coaching can be obtained from Bendigo Community Health Centre – 5448 1600, they offer a program for smokers identify triggers for smoking and assist in the best strategies of quitting for you.
- Contact QUIT Victoria on 137 848, and be supported with resources and your personal coach.
- Teenagers can also get assistance from QUIT Victoria, and be assigned a youth coach, or contact me, School Nurse. For ongoing coaching and resource.
- Online support. The QuitCoach is a free online tool giving ideas and suggestions that are relevant to you. It does this after you have answered some questions about your lifestyle and your smoking. The Quit Coach can help you before, during and after you quit.
- Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or other health professional

Use Medication. There are many products suitable for nicotine-addicted smokers who want help to quit smoking. Quitting medications reduce withdrawal symptoms such as cravings, irritability, mood swings and anxiety, but may not stop withdrawal symptoms altogether. Most people’s smoking is also linked to habits and emotion, so you’re likely to get some cravings when you’re in situations that remind you of your smoking. But remember- coaching can help you handle these times and adjust to life without cigarettes.

Resources:
- www.quit.org.au
- www.quitcoach.org.au/
- www.facebook.com/pledgetoquitsmoking
**Weeroona College Bendigo**

**Market Night!!!**

13TH OF JUNE 2013
7PM - 9PM

WANNOP COMMUNITY AT WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

**Gold Coin Entry**

Please come and help the WCB Bali students by coming and visiting the stalls where you can book parties, buy products, get information and enter in our raffle and a sausage sizzle will also be held on the night.

**Stalls will include:** Under Cover Wear, Body Shop, St. John Ambulance, Court house collection fresh water pearls, Tupperware + many many more.

**Raffle prizes will be donated by stalls & students.**

**Tickets are:**
1 FOR $1
3 FOR $2

**Feel free to contact:**
SARAH SMITH AT WCB ~ 5443 2133

A silent auction with fabulous prizes including a party for 10 at Palmers gym and a handmade quilt.
Youth Dental Program
The Youth Dental Program is available to eligible teens (aged 13-17 years) through your local community health service.

Who can access this service?
Young people aged 13-17 who are:
• health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependents of concession card holders
• in out-of-home care provided by the Children Youth and Families Division of DHS
• youth justice clients in custodial care.

Priority access is available with no waiting list and next available appointment.

What does it include?
This service includes:
• emergency care
• general care (e.g. fillings, extractions and sealants)
• dental health advice.

How much does it cost?
This service is FREE for eligible teens.

Medicare Teen Dental Plan
A Medicare Teen Dental voucher is available for eligible teens to help kick-start a lifetime of regular dental checks.

Who can access this service?
If your teen is 12-17 years old, eligible for Medicare and receives certain government payments, they may be entitled to a voucher. If you think your teen may be eligible but haven’t received a voucher, contact your local Medicare Service Centre.

What does it include?
The teen dental voucher covers up to a fixed value for a preventative dental check, oral examination and if needed:
• x-rays
• scale and clean
• fluoride treatment
• oral hygiene instructions and dietary advice
• sealing of the pits or cracks in a tooth (fissure sealing).

Other dental treatments are not covered by the voucher, but may be provided by the Youth Dental Program.

How much does it cost?
This service is FREE for eligible teens, services are bulk-billed.
It's All About Me

Course overview
If you can’t achieve a stylist look at home, then this course and our experts will show you how.

Learn hair and beauty tips from our expert stylists that will give you an on trend look this season, using your own products.

Duration
This course is delivered over four sessions.

Dates: Tuesday 2 July – Friday 5 July
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm
Where: Bendigo City Campus
Cost: $220.00

Further study options
• Certificate II in Retail Make-Up and Skin Care
• Certificate II in Hairdressing

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