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K8A Erin Pilkington  
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K9B Paul O'Shea  
K1A Alan Aylward

WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY
5th  BSSC Open Day
7th  Wellbeing Day (Year 10’s only)
8th  Year 6 Information Evening (7pm)
14th  NAPLAN Testing
20th  School Council Meeting (7pm)
21st  Immunisations:
- Year 7 Boys & Girls
- Year 9 Boys

JUNE
7th  Pupil Free Day
10th  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
24th  Music Week begins
28th  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

Student Principal for a Day

Ever wondered what it would feel like to be Principal for a Day? On June 6th, 2013 our school will be participating in a national event (www.sp4d.edu.au) coordinated by Principals Australia Institute.

Student Principal for a Day will provide a student representative with an opportunity to experience some of the elements of school leadership which make up the regular work of a principal. Through this national event, principals will get a chance to listen to the voice of their student principal and those participating around the country.

For more information about the selection process and timeline, please contact Ms Pollard.

UNICEF Australia's Young Ambassador Program

Do you know a fantastic young person aged 15-25 who is passionate about advocating for human rights and social justice issues?

If you do, please encourage them to apply for UNICEF Australia’s amazing Young Ambassador Program. This is a year-long voluntary position open to a number of young Australians who are from a range of locations and backgrounds. During this year, they will:

- Undergo advocacy training with UNICEF Australia.
- Develop a deeper understanding of children’s rights.
- Expand their knowledge about global issues that affect children and young people.
- Have several opportunities to speak at schools and events, and blog for UNICEF Australia’s website.
- Meet other like-minded young people who are passionate advocates for children’s rights and social justice.
- Collaborate with other youth and UNICEF Australia to run a campaign to promote children’s rights.

All further information about the program and application form can be found here: http://www.unicef.org.au/Act/Be-a-UNICEF-Advocate/Become-a-UNICEF-Young-Ambassador.aspx

Applications close on Sunday 5th of May.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Young Ambassador has been to meet other young people. The children I have had the privilege of delivering workshops to have all been so passionate and enthusiastic about making a difference; it is so important to harness that early in life and develop a culture where young people are key advocates for other young people.” – Marryum Kahloon, 2012/13 Young Ambassador

Right: Weeroona College Bendigo Student Leaders represent our school at the Bendigo ANZAC Day Service

Leanne Preece
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Netbooks are an important part of student learning here at Weeroona College Bendigo. It is important that all students are bringing charged laptops, along with all other necessary equipment to each and every class. Students and parents should ensure that netbooks are in good working order and regularly check to see if there is any damage to screens, keyboards, cases and hinges.

If there is any damage whatsoever, it is important that netbooks are taken to the computer technicians to assess and repair any damage. This is important, not only to ensure that students are in class with correct equipment and ready to learn, but also to ensure that the netbooks are in safe working order.

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 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 7-9 Girls Football
The Sandhurst Division Year 7-9 Girls Football Carnival took place at the Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve on Wednesday 24th April, 2013.

It was fantastic to see girls from all district college’s participating in an enthusiastic manner. The Weeroona College Bendigo girls were no exception. Although they did not win the carnival, they all showed great sportsmanship and their determination and effort could not be questioned. Congratulations to Shay P who was awarded Weeroona College Bendigo’s Player of the Carnival for her excellent approach and skills she displayed throughout the day.
A big thank-you to Emma Windridge, a past student of the college who is currently completing teaching rounds at WCB, who coached the girls on the day.

We now look forward to the Year 10 Girl’s competing in the Sandhurst Division Carnival to be staged at Weeroona Oval on Tuesday 14th May, 2013.

**Bendigo Harriers**

Congratulations to Maddison H from W7A who won the 4 Kilometre Taskmaster Bendigo, Bendigo Harriers Cross Country run last Saturday through the Wellsford Forest. Maddison not only won the race, but she was also the fastest women in the event running 18.25.

At Wednesday night’s club meet, Ms Carolyn Jones was elected as the Club Secretary whilst Ms Jones also competed in the 8 kilometre event. Any students or parents who would like to participate in a fun and enjoyable family afternoon of cross country running can either see Ms Jones or Ivan Kitt.

**Sport Dates- Term 2**

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**YEAR 10 GRASP IT! SEX EDUCATION DAY**

All Year 10 students at Weeroona College Bendigo will be participating in a joint project between Weeroona College Bendigo and Bendigo Community Health Services on Tuesday 7th May, 2013 to increase their sexual health knowledge. The day will begin with a panel of experts from Country Awareness Network, Centre Against Sexual Assault, Bendigo Community Health Services, Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Services, as well as our School Chaplain (Carl Rusbridge) & School Principal (Ms Leanne Preece) answering questions and scenarios focused on sexual health and the law. This will be followed by individual sessions with Country Awareness Network, Centre Against Sexual Assault and Bendigo Community Health Services.

For further information, please contact Sarah Warburton (WCB School Nurse).
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 5th. 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 5th 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 5th 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.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Weeroona College Bendigo is committed to delivering an individualised curriculum to students with a disability. If your child has a diagnosis of ASD we would like to know so we can individualise your child’s curriculum to support their learning and social development.

Please inform the school so we can do our best for your child.

You can contact Christine Henty on henty.christine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au directly and discuss your child’s needs in relation to ASD.

MUSIC WEEK

The Bendigo Instrumental Music Program will be holding its 25th Annual Music Week on 24th – 27th 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 as soon as possible to Mrs Johnston in the Performing Arts Building. Music Week registration forms are available from the Performing Arts office. 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.

Therese Johnston
School Music Coordinator
CARMEN ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION

On Thursday 9th May, Year 9 and 10 students will attend a road safety presentation by guest speaker John Maher. John lost his 18-year-old daughter Carmen when she hit a tree 16 years ago in Central Victoria. Carmen had her license for three months and fell asleep behind the wheel, travelling at 100 kilometres an hour. This is a very real and powerful message of how road trauma affects families and how it could easily happen to any of our families. John now shares Carmen's story with as many school students as possible in the hope that he can bring road safety message to teenagers in our region. Mr Maher takes his family's story and important message to schools and groups, making thousands of presentations each year.

INDONESIAN

During the final week of Term 1, our senior language classes participated in an excursion to the Mall where our Indonesian students performed a traditional dance from North Sumatra. Students were able to try multicultural foods and watch other performances from a variety of different cultures from around the world. The following picture is of our Indonesian dancers.

On Easter Sunday, a number of students volunteered their time to participate in the BAIK (Bendigo Australian Indonesian Klub) entry in the Easter parade. These students dressed up in traditional costumes and joined our local Indonesian community to walk the parade. The following picture shows their costumes.

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

We are taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) until June 9th and send them in to the collection box located in the Administration Office or Global Learning Centre. For every $10.00 spent you earn one sticker (excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards).

If you don’t have any children at school, you can still help support a local school simply by dropping your stickers into one of the collection boxes found at the front of your local store. And every sticker counts! Last year, the program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centre’s.

STAFF PROFILES

Sonya Fergus
About me: I am the Business Manager at WCB. I have a wonderful husband Joel and the coolest niece & nephew!
AFL Team: Richmond.
Interests: Shopping and spending time with family and friends.
First Job: Shop Assistant at Klein’s Jewellery.
Favourite Food: Cheesecake!

Linda Quarrier
About me: I am the pathways leader at WCB; married to a fire fighter for 34 years; I have 2 kids and 4 grandkids; I am a study junkie!
AFL Team: Richmond
Interests: Camping, Water Skiing, Music, Studying
First Job: Reception Typist Fruit Co-operative
Pet: Rottweiler named Heidi
Favourite Musician: Aretha Franklin
Favourite Food: Scallops

Melinda Gilligan
About me: Married with 3 children
AFL Team: Carlton
Interests: Running and scrapbooking (when I find the time)
First Job: Safeway in the Deli
Pet: Black Labrador named Eddie
Favourite Musician: Bee Gee’s, Phil Collins, Pink – most modern music!
Favourite Food: Donuts and Chocolate

Kelsey Sartori
About me: I am tall and sporty and I work in the office at WCB
AFL Team: Collingwood
Interests: Netball, music & spending time with friends, family and my boyfriend
First Job: Sandwich artist at Subway
Pet: A Spoodle named Sunny
Favourite Musician: Too many to choose from!
Favourite Food: White Chocolate
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](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).
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TERM 2, 2013 ACTIVITY PLAN

Session times: 3.15 – 4.15pm

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<td>(Eaglehawk Cricket Club) Ph: 0447 332 677</td>
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No activity on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June – public holiday
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Course ID: N-15307
Start Date: 20th May 2013
End Date: 14th June 2013
Location: Bendigo TAFE

Contact Information
All enquiries related to this program can be directed to:

To apply call 1 300 657 925 or:
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