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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

**20<sup>th</sup>** | Whole School Pool Party – All day

**21<sup>st</sup>** | Last Day of Term 4

### JANUARY

**30<sup>th</sup>** | Start Up Day

**31<sup>st</sup>** | Start Up Day

**1<sup>st</sup>** | Normal Classes Resume



### SCHOOL TIMES

Start 9am

Lunch 11.43am - 12.33pm

Recess 1.44pm - 2.04pm

Finish 3.15pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8.15am - 4pm

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the year draws to a close I would like to offer everyone my best wishes for a happy holiday, lots of sunshine, family and friends, and the relaxation you need to gather your strength to face the new, 2013 school year.

### 2012 Weeroona College Bendigo Awards Night Highlights

On Wednesday night we celebrated the achievements of many of our wonderful students and staff at our annual awards night. My thank you to all of our terrific staff members who contributed to the success of the evening.

In particular I would like to highlight the following awards:

- ★ Weeroona College Bendigo Dux for 2012 – congratulations to Anjaly C
- ★ Weeroona College Bendigo Student of the Year – congratulations to Alice G
- ★ 30 years of service – congratulations to Ms Helen Tuohey
- ★ 35 years of service – congratulations to Ms Di Andrea, Ms Therese Johnston and Ms Jill McKenzie

I would also like to congratulate all our students who received awards. It is pleasing to note the increase in the numbers of our students being awarded Academic Excellence awards for scholastic excellence over the course of this year. I put the challenge to ALL our students to be awarded this honour in 2013.

My thanks and best wishes to our outgoing college captains Alice Gow and Francois Swart for the leadership they have shown throughout the year. It gives me great pleasure to announce our student leaders for 2013:

- ★ Boy College Captain – Leone S
- ★ Boy College Vice Captain – Joshua B
- ★ Girl College Captain – Sarah W
- ★ Girl College Vice Captain – Rhapsody A

### **Farewell**

We thank the following staff who will be finishing with us this year: Sandy Shields, Sean Haythorne, Zac Arnold and Jaime Gray. They all have made a wonderful contribution to our College and we thank them for all their hard work and wish them well.

*Leanne Preece*

**Principal**

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### **FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...**

#### **Farewell**

On a sad note for us, we farewell Louise from the General Office for 2013. Louise will be taking leave for 2013.

We thank Louise for being a friendly face in the office for so many parents and staff.

We wish Louise well in her travels and look forward to her returning in 2014.

#### **A Reminder to Parents**

The Administration entrance of our new school can be found via the Napier Street carpark and you are asked to access the school via Administration for all visits.

#### **New School Kids Bonus 2013**

Information for parents regarding the changes to the Education Tax Refund for families in 2013, can be found at: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus>

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### **YEAR 8 NETBOOKS**

All Year 8 students are required to return their netbooks by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of December. These Netbooks are not for sale to students, all data that is required should be backed up. Acer Netbooks will be issued in 2013 to the then year 9 students.

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## DOBSON'S UNIFORM SHOP

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY TRADING HOURS 2013

Wednesday	23/01/2013	11.00am – 5.00pm	
Thursday	24/01/2013	11.00am – 5.00pm	
Friday	25/01/2013	11.00am – 5.00pm	
Monday	28/01/2013	<b>Australia Day Holiday - CLOSED</b>	
Tuesday	29/01/2013	11.00am – 5.00pm	
Wednesday	30/01/2013	1.00pm – 8.00pm	<b>Start up Day</b>
Thursday	31/01/2013	9.00am – 2.00pm	<b>Start up Day</b>
Friday	01/02/2013	8.00am – 9.30am	<b>School commences</b>

**As of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 - Resume normal trading**

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## WORLD CHALLENGE

Weeroona College Bendigo is offering the opportunity to participate in the WORLD CHALLENGE program.

On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, presenters from World Challenge spoke to a number of our current year 7 and 8 students (the 2013 year 8's and 9's) and parents about the opportunity to participate in a 4 week trip to Vietnam planned for November of 2014. All 7's and 8's had previously attended an assembly explaining this wonderful chance the school is offering.

A little bit about World Challenge:

It is **the original school expedition company**. It has over 7,000 students travelling on expedition every year. They have Teams embark on challenging expeditions to one of 50 destinations around the world in [Africa](#), [Asia](#), [South East Asia](#), [South America](#) and [Central America](#). They aim to have young people achieve personal and team goals to develop valuable skills for later life, such as teamwork, leadership, problem-solving and communication. Students are taught life skills and they look to expand minds outside the classroom, with expeditions that truly provide a life-changing experience.

We are still happy to take application if this opportunity sounds like it interests you and you may wish to apply contact Mr Trent Bysouth at the college and feel free to check out their website at <http://www.worldchallenge.com.au/> as it can answer many questions you may have.

## **FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

### **Medications**

If your child has medication kept in the general office please remember to collect it before the end of the school year. All medication must be taken home and returned in 2013 on start up day if required.

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, it is your responsible to provide the general office with an up to date Epipen. All Learning Communities will carry a spare epipen in the event of an emergency. If your child wishes to carry a second epipen on them (or in their locker or bag) they are more than welcome to do so. We recommend notifying your advisor and learning community leader on start up day.

If your child suffers from Asthma, all communities carry a spare puffer. However, we highly recommend your child has their own puffer and spacer with them, either in their school bag or locker.

If you have any further questions regarding your child's medication, please feel free to see myself on Start up Day in 2013. I will be located in the Welfare Office (located in the General Office building).

### **Immunisation Film Competition 2013**

Further information regarding this competition will be available at the beginning of 2013. This competition is aimed at all Secondary Schools in the Loddon Mallee and is aimed at improving the immunisation rates in secondary school students.

The competition is asking students to create a short digital film promoting immunisation to either year 7 and 8 students or year 9-10 students.

The prizes are \$3000 for the school and \$2000 for the students who created the film. There will also a highly commended prize in each category for students of \$500.

Early in 2013 I will be sent an information pack designed for schools that will incorporate a DVD that will have 2 sections:

1. A 3 - 5 minute presentations aimed at teachers school nurses welfare staff with information the students need to know about immunisation as well as some suggested classroom activities.
2. A 1 - 2 minute presentation for students with a short overview of the immunisation it will also have information on the competition and some suggestions for the kind of content the competition is looking for.

In the meantime I have downloaded and printed out copies of information regarding immunisation. I am more than happy to work with you next year and help design something amazing to present from Weeroona College Bendigo.

**Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy (any medical condition)**

Weeroona College Bendigo takes individual student illness and medical conditions very seriously. If you have a child that may suffer from one of the medical conditions below it is vital that we are made aware. We have an overall responsibility for implementing strategies and processes for ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of any of these conditions:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Allergies
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Or any other medical condition

Action plans for any medical condition is highly recommended. Some can be found on our school website. Please print them off and then complete them with your doctor's signature.

If you are unable to print off the action plans you require, please see myself (Sarah – School Nurse) or the General Office and copies will be available.

It is very important that you remember to bring all completed action plans or letters from your doctor with you on Start up Day in 2013. After you have met with your Advisor, please see Sarah in the General Office to go over your forms or to talk in further detail about your child's condition.

Medication that your child requires should be brought with you on start up day. Depending on your child's condition, medication is either kept with your child in their bag or locker. Some medication will be kept in the General Office such as Epipens.

The school website is: <http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/> . All action plans will be under Welfare tab.

*Sarah Warburton*

**School Nurse**

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## AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> Dec and U17 Girls + Boys side represented WCB in the Australian Schools Basketball Championships. With both teams having prepared with training occurring twice a week for a semester all were eager to put their skills to the test. At the start of the week students were amazed by the pace and physicality of the game however improved dramatically to which the U17 Girls won their first game.

<b>U17 Girls</b>	<b>U17 Boys</b>
Brooke E	Connor A
Renee R	Tyler P
Jenna W	Morgan T
Mikayla C	Tom C
Sophie M	Robert B
Georgia C	Michael D
Sarah W	Brayden F
Zoe M	Joel S
	Kyle H

Most Valuable Player Award (Voted by peers) - Jenna Wanefalea (U17 Girls) + Tyler Pitson (U17 Boys).  
The team would like to thank all of the sponsors who made it possible and without their support students wouldn't have been able to experience such an elite level tournament.

- The Loaded Plate Café
- The Pipe Doctor
- The White Hills Post Office
- The White Hills Butcher
- Richardson L J - Bakery
- Amcal Pharmacy White Hills
- Lollies 2 Go
- Bendigo Basketball Stadium

### U17 Girls Div 3 - Results

1	03/12/12 (Mon) 08:00	<a href="#">Knox Court 3</a>	25	<a href="#">Loreto College Ballarat 1</a>	54
2	03/12/12 (Mon) 14:40	<a href="#">Kilsyth Court 6</a>	35	<a href="#">Beaconhills</a>	50
3	04/12/12 (Tue) 09:20	<a href="#">State Basketball Centre Court 3</a>	20	<a href="#">Denmark High School</a>	26
4	04/12/12 (Tue) 16:00	<a href="#">Knox Court 2</a>	18	<a href="#">Fairhills Academy</a>	42
5	05/12/12 (Wed) 08:00	<a href="#">Knox Court 3</a>	32	<a href="#">Braeamar college</a>	42
6	05/12/12 (Wed) 12:00	<a href="#">Knox Court 6</a>	32	<a href="#">Hunter Sport High School</a>	41
7	06/12/12 (Thu) 09:20	<a href="#">Knox Court 5</a>	31	<a href="#">Phoenix P-12 Community College</a>	62
8	06/12/12 (Thu) 16:00	<a href="#">Knox Court 3</a>	36	<a href="#">Denmark High School 2</a>	26

U17 Boys Div 4 -Results

**Normal Season**

1	03/12/12 (Mon) 09:20	<a href="#">Knox Court 3</a>	29	<a href="#">Chisholm Catholic College</a>	92
2	03/12/12 (Mon)	BYE BYE			
3	04/12/12 (Tue) 09:20	<a href="#">State Basketball Centre Court 1</a>	25	<a href="#">Reynella East College</a>	74
4	04/12/12 (Tue) 16:00	<a href="#">State Basketball Centre Court 5</a>	37	<a href="#">HSHS 17 Boys</a>	60
5	05/12/12 (Wed) 09:20	<a href="#">Knox Court 4</a>	31	<a href="#">Tenison Woods College Titans</a>	56
6	05/12/12 (Wed) 17:20	<a href="#">Kilsyth Court 6</a>	42	<a href="#">Fairhills Academy</a>	61
7	06/12/12 (Thu) 10:40	<a href="#">State Basketball Centre Court 5</a>	25	<a href="#">Denmark High School</a>	62
8	06/12/12 (Thu) 16:00	<a href="#">Knox Court 4</a>	34	<a href="#">Merbein College</a>	68



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Early Childhood Development



## EMA - Newsletter Information 2013

### **Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA**

#### **Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:**

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points. In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.



The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years. From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

### **New EMA payment option**

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*\* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a temporary foster parent.

\* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).

### **Payment Amounts - 2013:**

	<b>Prep</b>	<b>Years 1 - 6</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8 – Age 16</b>
<b>Instalment One</b>	\$140	\$105	\$210	\$175
<b>Instalment Two</b>	\$60	\$45	\$90	\$75
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$250</b>

\*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**EMA application forms will be available from the General Office on Start Up Day 2013 to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Come & Try Dragon Boat Racing**

Where: Lake Weeroona      When: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012  
Time: 5.15pm – 6.30pm      Cost: Nil – All equipment supplied.

You will have the opportunity to have a paddle (life jacket supplied) and find out about Dragon Boat Racing and the new team being formed in Bendigo. Great fun to be had working as a team. Minimum ages is 12 years.

For more information contact Cameron Devenny on 0400 109 330.



### **Hockey Come and Try Day!**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 - 10am-2pm

Garden Gully Reserve, Ashley Street, Ironbark. BBQ lunch provided. Drinks available for purchase.

Hooked-on-Hockey (Hockey shop on site)

Coaching clinics for U9's, U11's, U13 & U15's (from 10 - 11:30) followed by a family game and lunch U17's and senior players from 11:30am onwards.

For more information contact: Charlie Walker 0419 946 682 or Nicole Hood 0400 833 203