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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

18th | College Council – 7pm
18th – 28th | Year 10 Work Experience
21st & 22nd June | Year 10 Exams
22nd | Trivia Night – 7pm – in Merin Community
25th – 28th | Music Week
25th June – 2nd July | Year 10 Queensland Trip
29th | Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish

JULY

16th | First Day of Term 3
26th | Parent /Teacher Interviews – 4.30pm – 7.30pm
27th | Parent / Teacher Interviews – 9am – 1pm

SEPTEMBER

14 & 15th | Debutante Balls
21st | Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm finish



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

Assessment and Reporting

Our teachers have been busy preparing end of semester one reports and these reports will be posted out at the end of the term. A reminder to all parents and students that our Student Promotion Policy came into effect from the beginning of term 2 this year and to be promoted to the next year level a Weeroona College Bendigo student is expected to achieve the following Star Levels;

- ★ VELs (Victorian Essential Learnings) 0.5 Progression in all subjects
- ★ English - Improvement in On Demand Reading (aim is for all students to achieve 0.6 improvement for the year)
- ★ Mathematics - Improvement in On Demand Mathematics (aim is for all students to achieve 0.6 improvement for the year)
- ★ Submission of all required learning tasks and school assessed tasks (SATs) in all subjects within required time frames
- ★ Completion of school testing (eg. NAPLAN, On Demand, Exams and Topic Tests)
- ★ School Attendance rate of 90% or above (unless approved extenuating circumstances)

We will be holding Student Achievement Conferences during week two of next term and this will be an opportunity for you and your child/children to meet with teachers and learning advisors to check on progress from first semester and establish learning goals for semester two and ensure that your child is on track for promotion.

How do I support my child in their learning?

In recent years, we have heard lots about how we need better teachers in our schools. There's no question that a great teacher can make a huge difference in a student's achievement, and we need to recruit, train and reward more such teachers. But here's what some new studies are also showing. Teachers cannot do it alone. Parents focused on their children's education also make a huge difference in a student's achievement.

How do we know? Every three years, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) conducts exams as part of the Program for International Student Assessment, or PISA, which tests 15-year-olds in the world's leading industrialised nations on their reading comprehension and ability to use what they've learned in maths and science to solve real problems — the most important academic skills for succeeding at school and life. To better understand why some students thrive and others do not, the PISA team interviewed parents about how they raised their children and then compared that with the test results for each of those years.

THE FINDINGS

Fifteen-year-old students whose parents often read books with them during their first year of primary school show markedly higher scores than students whose parents read with them infrequently or not at all. Even when comparing students of similar socio-economic backgrounds, those students whose parents regularly read books to them when they were in the first year of primary school score higher than students whose parents did not.

Parents' engagement with their 15-year-olds is strongly associated with better performance. Just asking your child how was their school day and showing genuine interest in the learning that they are doing can have the same impact as hours of private tutoring. It is something every parent can do, no matter what their education level or social background.

The kind of parental involvement matters. For example, the score point difference in reading that is associated with parental involvement is largest when parents read a book with their child, when they talk about things they have done during the day and when they tell stories to their children. The score point difference is smallest when parental involvement takes the form of simply playing with their children.

Parental actions that support children's learning at home are most likely to have an impact on academic achievement at school. Monitoring any homework; making sure children get to school; rewarding their efforts and talking up the idea of going on to further education and training: these parent actions are linked to better attendance, grades, test scores, and preparation for further education.

Of course there is no substitute for a good teacher. There is nothing more valuable than great classroom teaching. But teachers cannot shoulder the whole burden. We also need parents because parents can make every teacher more effective and improve the educational outcomes for every child.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...**Late Arrivals / Leaving the College**

Students who need to leave the College during the day **MUST** bring a note signed by a Parent / Guardian to their child's Learning Community Leader or Parents can phone the College to give permission for their child to leave.

It is a DEECD requirement that when picking up a student from school that identification be shown i.e. Drivers licence. This will be completed at the General Office. Please understand that this is now a directive of the Department of Education for schools, for the protection of your children.

If students come late to school, they **MUST** sign in also with their Community Leader. They should have a note signed by a Parent / Guardian or a Parent can phone the college letting us know their child is late; otherwise they will be marked 'late unexplained' and receive a text message from the college.

**MUSIC NEWS****We have some very exciting news**

Roland Yeung, a well-known musician and conductor from Melbourne, has agreed to travel to Bendigo to give some workshops to bands that are going to compete in the Melbourne School Bands Festival in August. He selected our school and we are delighted to have him workshop our Junior Band on Tuesday 19th June 9.00am – 10.00am.

Bendigo Youth Choir

We have 4 students heading to America to represent Australia in the world choir games in July. They are members of the Bendigo Youth Choir. We would like to wish Georgia Watson-Jones, Natalie Jacobs, Caroline Pollock and Ashley Masters all the best as they set off on this adventure.

ART NEWS**Artist- Joanne Mott to work at our School**

As announced at the end of last year Weeroona College Bendigo has been fortunate to secure a grant for \$10,000 from Arts Victoria as part of the *Artists in Schools Program*. The grant is for this year and our Artist will commence working with students at the start of next term.

I would like to introduce the college community to Joanne Mott. She has been a practicing artist for the past 20 years. Her contemporary works can be described as Environmental Art, Land Art or Site-specific Art. With an emphasis on sustainability and resourcefulness, her sculpture is informed by an interest in the layers of meaning and history embedded in any particular place. Inspired by the ways in which "art" and "the everyday" can entwine, she employs the language of gardens as a medium to express this idea. These large-scale sculptures invite an interactive experience for the viewers, forming rich and lasting memories driven by the "spirit of place".

Joanne will be working with the students taking the Environmental Studies elective, where they will be designing and building a labyrinth style garden sculpture using environmentally sustainable plants and materials. The garden sculpture will be situated towards the front of the new school and will complement the architectural design of our buildings and surrounds.

We look forward to Joanne working with our school in what promises to be an exciting and rich educational experience for the students involved.

Marion Stewart
Arts DLG Leader



"Artists in Schools – A Victorian Government Initiative"





WEEROONA WARRIORS NEWS

Cross Country

It has been a busy time in relation to Cross Country events at Weeroona College Bendigo. After the completion of the WCB we had over 35 students compete at the Sandhurst Division event held at Sebastian Harness Racing Complex. All boys and girls involved represented WCB in affine manner.

Following this event the college had Jake R (14 year old division), Michael F (14 year old division), Bailey E (14 year division), Jake H (13 year division) and Luke B (13 year division) and Adam D (13 year division) compete in the Loddon Mallee Cross Country Championships held in St Arnaud. All boys competed in a fine manner.

Ultimately Bailey E won the 14 year division and Michael F came 5th in the 14 year division. A great achievement. Both these boys will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Finals to be staged at Bundoora Park, Bundoora, Melbourne on Tuesday 17th July. Good luck to both boys.

Well done to all boys and girls who have participated in Cross Country events over the course of the past month.



Weeroona College Bendigo 2 State Cross Country Finalist Bailey E and Michael F

Great All Rounder Luke B displays his ribbon



Above: Wcb Cross Country Team at the Sandhurst Division Finals – Sebastian

UP-COMING SPORT DATES

JUNE

Tuesday 19th – Year 8 Boys Football – Strathfieldsaye Football Ground
 Wednesday 27th June – Year 7 Boys Football – Strathfieldsaye Football Ground

JULY

Thursday 26th July – Year 7 & 8 Sports Day (Basketball, Table tennis, Hockey)

AUGUST

Wednesday 1st August – Year 9 & 10 Boys Football – Strathfieldsaye Football Ground
 Thursday 16th August – Year 9 & 10 Sports Day (Table tennis, Hockey, Basketball)

Shawn McCormick
 Sports Coordinator

PATHWAYS

Work Experience

The majority of Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience during the last two weeks of Term 2. Students going on camp will do their week of Work Experience prior to camp (18th June to 22nd June) and those not going to camp, the 25th June to 29th June. Where it hasn't been possible to gain a placement during these two weeks students have arranged to do their placement during the school holidays or during Term 3 and 4. It has been pleasing to see so much enthusiasm amongst students and they are to be congratulated on gaining a placement. Many students had repeated knockbacks but kept persisting until they find something suitable. Students are going to a range of different workplaces including Bendigo Bank, Bendigo Health Care Group, City Council, Law Courts, Local Primary Schools and Kindergartens and various other businesses (Trades, Hospitality, Retail and Sport related places) within the Bendigo region. Without an Employer's willingness to take work experience students the program would not be possible. It is important for students to realise they are in an adult environment and to behave and dress accordingly. Students need to be punctual, follow instructions, be polite and ask questions if they are unsure of anything. Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and students will be sent back to school.

If a student is ill or unable to attend for any reason, please call both the school and employer as early as possible. If any problem or issue arises during the placement, please contact the school immediately as it will be dealt with. Be sure to thank the Employer for having you and most of all enjoy yourself. I look forward to hearing all about your Work Experience back at school.

Construction Induction Training

Year 10 Students are being given the opportunity to complete Construction Induction Card (CIC) Training. This was previously known as the RED CARD TRAINING. A CIC card is required for workers on most trade work sites. This is a very valuable certificate as many employers ask students to complete this training before they start work experience or work as an apprentice. The training will be held at school on Tuesday July 17th starting at 9am and finishing at 3:15pm. Normally this course is quite costly; however we are able to offer this course at a heavily reduced rate of \$20. Places are limited so you will need to see Ms Hodge ASAP so you don't miss out. Please note students undertaking a VET Subject will be given first preference.

Bree Hodge
Pathways Leader

PARENTS' CLUB

Brick BBQ/Selkirk Named Pavers

The construction of a new BBQ in the college grounds will be commencing soon with the surrounding area to be landscaped with the Selkirk named pavers. The first order of named paver bricks have already been delivered and the next order to be placed shortly. Any past or present students and staff wishing to purchase their named paver for \$30 are encouraged to do so promptly. The order form can be downloaded from the college website. When on home page, type Pavers into the search bar.

Please print off the order form and complete your details to be returned to School with payment no later than 29th June, 2012.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

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 July 22nd and send them in to the collection box located in the General Office. For every \$10 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 Woolworths gave away over \$4.5 million worth of resources to more than 6,900 schools that participated across Australia.

YEAR 10 EXAMS

The Year 10 core exams will now be held on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of June. This is later than originally advertised and families should mark this new date in their calendars. (VCE exams will be in Week 9 and individual teachers will inform their students of the actual dates as these will vary for each class). Exams will be in the four core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities, with each exam being 100 minutes in length, (10 minutes reading plus 90 minutes writing time). Students will begin revising the semester work in their core subjects during week 9 and 10 and teachers ask that students are doing at least one hour revision homework each night in the lead up to the exams.

For the exams students are expected to be on time, to be in full College uniform and to be prepared to do their best in each of the four exams. It is also important to keep in mind that there will also be Learning Assessments due in other subject areas and that these must be submitted, fully completed, on time.

If a student is absent for any of the exams a Medical Certificate is expected for the absence, unless the absence is due to college organised activities such as work experience.

As part of good exam technique students should bring to each exam pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener and a water bottle. They should also bring a book to read if they finish the exam early. They are reminded that in line with College policy Netbooks, mobile phones and MP3 players/iPods are not permitted in exam situations. As well as these requirements the following is needed specifically for individual exams.

- English > Dictionary
- Mathematics > A4 page Summary sheet, Scientific Calculator
- Science > A4 page Summary sheet, Scientific Calculator
- Humanities > no special requirements

Please note: due to the afternoon exams going through the recess break students will be dismissed at the end of the afternoon exam, at 2:45pm, and be permitted to go home early. Any students who cannot do this, e.g. bus travellers, will be supervised until the end of the normal College day at 3:15pm.

There will be a 'catch up' exam time during Week 11 for students who do not have camp or work experience commitments and 'catch up' exam time on the Thursday and Friday of the first week of the holidays for those that do. Students who cannot sit exams during these times will be given the opportunity of completing exams at home under parental supervision.

Brian Edebohls

Year 10 Exam Timetable

THURSDAY 21 st JUNE	YEAR 10 Session 1	YEAR 10 Session 2 11:30AM FINISH	LUNCH	YEAR 10 Session 3	YEAR 10 Recess	YEAR 10 Session 4 2:45PM FINISH
Assemble and Entry Point	9:15am- 9:30am Kappen Forecourt in Core Groups.			12:30pm- 12:45pm Kappen Forecourt in Core Groups.		
Exam Times (includes Admin time)	9:30am to 11:20am	11:20am PENS DOWN		12:45pm to 2:35pm		2:35pm PENS DOWN
Exam Type	ENGLISH	ENGLISH		SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE

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Exam Type	MATHS	MATHS		HUMS	HUMS	HUMS

WEEROONA COLLEGE/YOUTH CORPS TRIVIA NIGHT

Come to the Weeroona College Bendigo for the Weeroona Trivia Night!



Cost: \$10 per person (6 – 8 per table, Max 8)

Date: Friday 22nd of June, 7pm – 10pm

Location: Weeroona College Bendigo – Merin Learning Community

Details: WCB 5443 2133

**Bookings made at office during office hours
(pay there between 8:30am – 4:00pm). Book as a table.**

Strictly NO Alcohol – ALL AGES (8 and under free)

Food/Drink sales on the night

**Great prizes on offer: Lucky door, Raffles, Auctions & a Special
Performance!!**

**WE'RE COLLECTING THE COLES VOUCHERS! (Box is located
in the foyer of the College Gym)**

Visit: coles.com.au/sportsforschools