WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

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K1B Christine Edgar

Terms 3 | 17th August, 2012

WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
20th | School Council Meeting – 7.00pm
29th | Elective Selection Evening – Yr 8 & 9 students – 7.00 – 8.30pm in Merin Learning Community
31st | Father's Day stall – Performing Arts Building – lunchtime

SEPTEMBER
5th | Proposed Stop Work Day (strike) - TBA
6th | Staff Professional Learning Day – No school for students.
General Office closed due to computer upgrade.
14 & 15th | Debutante Balls
18th | Year 7 Immunisations
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

The New Australian Curriculum
Last week our Student Learning Leader, Mr Jason Bysouth and I attended a professional learning session on the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. The new curriculum, which will eventually replace our current VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards), sets out what all young Australians are to be taught, and the expected standards of achievement as they progress through schooling. Next year will see the introduction of the new curriculum in the following four subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and History here at Weeroona College Bendigo. Our teachers are currently working to ensure that they will be ready to teach this new curriculum. The remaining subjects will be introduced in 2014.

You can view the Foundation (currently known as Prep in Victoria) to Year 10 Australian Curriculum at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

AEU Industrial Action
The industrial action by the Australian Education Union continues in their pursuit of better conditions for teachers in a new workplace agreement. Although negotiations are continuing there are plans for further stop work action and work bans. It is likely that the next stop work will take place on Wednesday September 5 and will cause significant disruption to our College as it did earlier in the year.

Work bans have already been implemented in the College that have impacted on some of our operations. The latest of these is a ban on “extras”, these are additional classes that teachers take when another teacher is ill or on an excursion or camp. We are attempting to minimise the impact of this action but this will have an effect on the College’s capacity to run some excursions and other activities. It is hoped by all involved that the issues leading to this industrial action will be resolved very soon. I will continue to keep the school community updated and would urge parents to read widely on the matter.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

French Exchange Students
We have been very fortunate to have had two French exchange students in our college over the past weeks. Gautier A has been attending Weeroona for the past 9 weeks. Gautier is 15 years of age and lives 30 kms from Paris with his parents and young brother & sister. His great passion is music which includes playing his electric & acoustic guitars. He enjoys a range of contemporary music as well as playing in a small band with his friends. Gautier enjoys sport, computing and movies.

Gautier lists as the top three things experienced whilst here as:
1. Time spent with his host families.
2. The shorter school day. In France his school day is from 8am – 6pm.
3. Time in Melbourne. He enjoyed the shops, Skydeck and AFL football.

Anne F is with us for 4 weeks. Anne is 15 years old and lives in Chalon in Burgundy. She has two older sisters and one older brother. Her favourite activities include photography, movies, reading, shopping, jogging and hiking.

Anne lists as the top things experienced whilst here as:
1. Time spent with Bronte’s family.
2. Time with people and friends in her class.
The college would like to sincerely thank Bronte P and Claudia F’s families who were very generous host families to the students during their time with us.

Both students were placed at our college through Nacel’s International Student Exchange Organisation which was established 55 years ago in Europe and has been in operation in Australia for over 20 years.

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### YEAR 8 AND 9 SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR 2013

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<td>Elective Selection evening 7.00 – 8.30 pm. Merin LC</td>
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<td>Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} September</td>
<td>Elective Selection Sheet due in by 12Noon.</td>
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<td>Student Electives Selection completed.</td>
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Students will select electives from a grid. There are approximately 16 choices in each line of the grid. Selection rules and processes will be explained to students in the Handbook on the college website and in Advisory time. Some hard copies of the Elective Handbook will be available in each Learning Community.

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**Immunisations - final round**

The final round of immunisations will take place on Tuesday morning, 18\textsuperscript{th} September. This will involve all Year 7 students. Any queries regarding immunisations eg. students who were away etc. need to be directed to Angela Evans, Immunisation Coordinator, C/o Greater City of Bendigo – Phone – 5434 6312.

The Department of Health immunisation website has a new fact sheet titled *Secondary school immunisation - information for parents* at: [http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/secondary-school-immunisation.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/secondary-school-immunisation.htm) This resource assists parents to be aware of the school-based immunisation program for Year 7 and Year 10 students, what they need to do, and how they can access free vaccine for their child if the vaccine is missed at school.

_Helen Tuohey_

_Assistant Principal_

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**FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE…**

General Office Closed – Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} September, 2012

The General Office will be closed on the Pupil Free Day on Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} September due to a computer upgrade.

Parents Who Receive Conveyance Allowance

Just a reminder that the Student Transport Department are changing how claims are now processed. It has come to our attention through these changes, that parents now have to provide the college with evidence of the purchase of a bus pass (either half yearly or yearly) i.e. a receipt / tax invoice. Unfortunately, without this receipt, we cannot process a Conveyance Allowance claim.

Please send in or bring a copy of this receipt to our school by Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} August, the office staff can take a photocopy for you, or alternatively a copy can be scanned and emailed to weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

We apologise for the inconvenience, but we have to comply with these regulations. For more information, please see the DEECD guidelines at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm)
PATHWAY’S NEWS

BSSC Transition Timeline For 2012

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<td>Online Enrolment Help Sessions in the Multimedia Centre at BSSC</td>
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<td>Friday August 24</td>
<td>BSSC Online Enrolment System Closes</td>
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<td>Orientation Day to BSSC for all Year 10 Students</td>
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<td>Wednesday November 28 to Friday November 30</td>
<td>Parent Information Sessions at BSSC- Students attend with a Parent/ Guardian. Information from BSSC will be provided Term 4</td>
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<td>Thursday November 29 to Wednesday December 5</td>
<td>BSSC Transition Week for all Year 10 Students Information from BSSC will be provided Term 4</td>
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<td>Thursday December 6 to Friday December 7</td>
<td>Subject Change Day- BSSC staff available to discuss changes with students and families during this time</td>
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OPEN DAYS & INFORMATION SESSIONS

LA TROBE UNI BENDIGO OPEN DAY- Sunday 19th August, 2012, 10am - 4pm.

Bree Hodge
Pathways Coordinator

WEEROONA WARRIORS NEWS

Year 9 and 10 Boys Football Carnival
Wednesday 1st August saw the year 9 and 10 Boys football carnival take place at the Strathfieldsaye Football Grounds. Ryan Currie coached the team well throughout the course of the day. Nathan J was the stand out player winning the best player medallion for WCB. Strong contributions throughout the carnival came from Josh D, Big Clarke and Mac W along with several others.
Weeroona were conclusive victors against East Loddon and Girton Grammar, and put up excellent efforts against both Crusoe College and Bendigo South East Secondary College.
All involved appeared to have an enjoyable day.

WEEROONA BOYS ARE HARD TO BEAT WHEN THEY COME OUT TO PLAY!

Clay Target Shooters Take Gold
Students representing Weeroona College Bendigo competed at the North East Zone / Victoria Clay Target Association Students Trap Championships. It was held at the Echuca Gun Club on a very cold windy day.
Over 200 students competed, representing State and Private Schools. Weeroona College Bendigo has been well represented over the years at these events. Laura W, Rowan K, Jayden C, Mark F and Garth D made the early morning trip with their parents. Laura took out the best individual result for the College placing second in the Open Girls division. While the other students did not place in the top individual honours, their commitment to achieve their best resulted in the overall team win.
It was wonderful to watch the high level of competition and the admiration students displayed toward each other’s efforts. The College wishes them the best in the next level of the competition. Also, a big thank you for the parental support on the day. It was good to see former student, Brad H, representing Bendigo Senior Secondary College also shooting well on the day. Of course the H family were there to support Brad and help with running the day.

**Victorian Schools Cycling Championships 2012 - Midlands section**

On Friday 10th August six Weeroona College students competed in the Midlands section of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships. The event was held out at the Huntly Livestock Exchange Centre over a one kilometre road race circuit. The Bendigo and District Cycling Club also helped in the running of this event.

The students who competed were Tess C, Jordan S, Dylan L, Reece H, Mark B and Todd S. All of our students performed to the best of their abilities and represented their school proudly against some very strong riders from all over the central Victorian region. For most of our cyclists it was the first time that they had competed in an official cycling event and hopefully it will be the first of many races in this exciting and challenging sport.

Two of our students performed extremely well and have progressed through to the next stage of the Championships. Tess Carter from Year seven earned a silver medal after racing strongly in the 10 km event and Mark Blume gained a bronze medal in the 12 km event.

Both Tess and Mark will now continue onto the next level of the Victorian Schools Championships. This event was also helpful for the Energy Vehicles members who competed and gave some insight into their current fitness levels!

Thanks to the parents who were there on the day supporting as well as the people who helped run this event. We will be back next year.

*Tim Lawrance/Shawn McCormick*
designated Physical Education class days. This includes:

1. College PE Polo Shirt
2. Navy Blue Shorts/Track Pants
3. Running Shoes with a non-marking sole

Students must carry PE Shoes to class and change once at their class. If a student fails to attend Physical Education in full uniform they will get a Wednesday lunchtime detention. Notes will be accepted, however, if PE uniform is available students will be required to change into school supplied uniform.

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**JUNIOR BAND EXCURSION - MELBOURNE SCHOOL BANDS FESTIVAL**

On Thursday August 23rd Junior Band will travel to Monash University, Clayton, to perform in the Melbourne School Bands Festival. This Festival is one of the most prestigious of its kind in Australia. It has a strong educational focus. Our band is making great progress, and we are really looking forward to taking them to this event.

The students will:

- Perform in a world-class concert hall
- Perform to expert adjudicators
- Have a brief rehearsal with an adjudicator, to get some face-to-face feedback
- Listen to several other bands like ours
- Get a lesson on how to be adjudicators
- Judge another band
- Have a professional group photo taken on stage in Robert Blackwood Hall
- Receive a commemorative plaque
- Spend a day together

Thankyou to Mr Cohen and Mr Matthews for making this possible.

*Therese Johnston*

School Music Coordinator

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES – Primary Students**

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<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Nathan Francis (Epsom Football Club)</td>
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<td>Gymnastics</td>
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**VIETNAM VETERAN’S DAY**

After the national ‘Welcome Home’ parade in Sydney (1987), the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke announced that August 18th would be known as Vietnam Veterans’ Day. A day commemorated for the battle of Long Tan (18th August 1966) in which 18 Australians were killed, 24 wounded. We pay particular respect to Private David Thomas, a Bendigo local, who was killed in this battle aged 21, and is interred in the Kangaroo Flat Cemetery.

So whilst commemorated for the service of those who took part in the battle of Long Tan, this day has special significance also for all veterans of the Vietnam War- approximately 60,200 Australians and 3,500 New Zealanders.
Major Harry Smith’s (Commander, D company, 6th Royal Australian Regiment) account of the battle can be accessed: http://www.awm.gov.au/wartime/35/article/

Lest We Forget

CONGRATULATIONS – Bendigo Youth Choir

Weeroona College Bendigo students Natalie J, Ashleigh M, Georgia W-J and Caroline P, and past students, Kayla K, Olivia J, and Michelle B were among the Bendigo Youth Choir’s Choirists who went over to the United States to represent Australia at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati, over the two week school holiday break. Congratulations to The Bendigo Youth Choir for receiving 3 silver medals (according to points scoring out of 100) in three sections; Youth Choirs of Equal voices, Folk music and Music Sacra.

The Choir also performed at Pier 39 in San Francisco, Los Altos (Sister City of Bendigo), a Friendship concert at Mother of God Church in Covington Kentucky, a small cameo at the Disney Concert Hall, a workshop at California State University LA and at the Disney Performing Arts stage at Disneyland in Anaheim, LA. All students enjoyed their time in the USA and had learnt a lot about the different choirs and cultures within the USA.

There will be a Civic reception for the Bendigo Youth Choir held at the Bendigo Town Hall to formally congratulate the Choir on their achievements. Stay tuned for more information in the Bendigo Advertiser.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Specsavers Offer

Vision care for children is highly important and the detection of eyesight problems at an early age is imperative. At Specsavers Kangaroo Flat, they are offering all students who attend Weeroona College Bendigo on any Tuesday until 31st September 2012 a 30% discount on 1 complete pair of glasses from our two pair deal, along with all eye tests being bulk billed. Our usual offer of 1 complete pair for $39 or $99 is still effective.

Huntly Nth Bendigo Cricket Club Registration Night - FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2012

From 4.30pm to 6.00pm at Strauch Reserve, Huntly. For Under 9, 11, 13 and 15 year old age groups. FREE REGISTRATION for 2012/2013 Season. No registration fees charged for all junior age groups U9 to U15. Enquiries to Paul 5448 8259
URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!!
We are urgently seeking Parent Volunteers for our college canteen. We only have 5 wonderful parent volunteers currently and two of them no longer have students here anymore! If you can spare a few hours can you please call the college on 5443 2133.