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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

6th – 7th | Year 10 Exams
7th | Possible Stop Work Action (AEU) to be advised
8th | Report Writing Day – No students required at school
11th | Queen's Birthday Holiday
18th | College Council – 7pm
18th – 28th | Year 10 Work Experience
21st & 22nd June | Year 10 Exams
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



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

Just because I can't see the stars doesn't mean that I can't reach for them!

A huge congratulations to Zac S who has been selected as one of four young Australians who will be travelling to Alabama in America to attend Space Camp 2012. Along with other visually impaired and blind students from different countries around the world, Zac will participate in advanced Science and space simulation activities. Zac is an inspiration to us all and absolutely deserves this fantastic opportunity and we wish him well. Zac we are looking forward to hearing all about your experiences upon your return.

We shine at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Facebook

Just like communities in the physical world, no social networking site, virtual world, online game, or any other social-media service can provide a guarantee of 100% safety, Facebook included. Why? Because this is the social web, and safety depends a great deal on users' behaviour toward one another. Facebook provides safety and privacy features and education for its users. Parents would benefit from visiting Facebook's Safety Center, a comprehensive resource for all Facebook users with special areas for teens, parents, educators, and law enforcement. That in-site safety information and this guidebook are important for the very reason that Facebook's "product" is produced by its users. Parents need to know that, on the social Web, safety is a shared responsibility – a negotiation between users (for example, between people in a family photo posted by one family member in it), between users and the site, and between teen users and their parents. So the short answer to that question is that, in this new, very social media environment, a user's safety depends on the user as much as on the site. That's why parents need to be informed and keep communication lines with their children wide open – because youth, like all Facebook users, are constantly communicating, posting, and sharing content on the site.

Taken from 'A Parent's Guide to Facebook' revised 2012 edition by Anne Collier and Larry Magid.

<http://www.connectsafely.org/pdfs/fbparents.pdf>

Some things to note:

- In order to be eligible to sign up for Facebook you must be 13 years of age or older. Parents should not sign up on behalf of their children if they are under this age.
- No one is able to access Facebook on our WCB school network.

Bendigo Pioneers – Host Families Wanted For 2013

Parents may be aware that Bendigo Senior Secondary College is involved in a partnership program with the Bendigo Pioneers. There are several elements to this program which fits within the BSSC Specialist Sports Program. The Pioneers will be seeking homestay accommodation for several footballers in 2013 who will be relocating from other parts of the region to play with the Pioneers and study at BSSC. They are looking for family environments which provide support for the football and the academic pathway of the players. The Pioneers make payment to cover expenses. If you would like more information or feel that you may be able to be a host family for one of these players please contact Paul Seery or Vicki Poyser at BSSC on 5443 1222.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

Student Free Day - Report Writing Day

Friday 8th June, 2012 - As with most state schools across Victoria, Friday 8th June has been determined as our report writing day. **There will be no scheduled classes for students on this day.** Reports will be mailed to arrive home during the last week of Term 2.

Absence Letters

Many thanks to the parents who have returned the unexplained absence letter that was posted out this week. We have had a very positive feedback from parents. We understand there may be errors on this letter, but ask that you make any notes on the letter and return to the school office so we can make changes, or alternatively you can email us at weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au As a school we are committed to improving in all areas including attendance.

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

**Bendigo Competitions Friday 25th May
Congratulations to our College Junior Band and
our College Wind Ensemble.**

Our students performed beautifully at the Bendigo Competitions on Friday morning and should be feeling very proud of their achievements. They each received a ribbon and the College received a plaque and certificate. Many thanks to all the teachers who have prepared these students for this very special event.

Our beginner students also gave a concert for family and friends on Monday 21st May. It was the first time many had played before an audience. They did extremely well and parents seemed really pleased to see the progress their children had made in the first semester.

Therese Johnston
Instrumental Music Coordinator



Year 9 & 10 Music Elective

Congratulations to the students in Year 9/10 Music elective who gave a wonderful performance for family and friends on Thursday 10th May after school. These pictures were taken during rehearsals.



Grade 6 information evening

Congratulations must also go to our Music students who gave up their time to provide light entertainment in the communities.



WEEROONA WARRIORS NEWS**Wcb Cross Country 2012**

The WCB Cross Country was staged at the picturesque Lake Weeroona on the morning of Tuesday 22nd May. Conditions were excellent and it was pleasing that all individuals involved participated and represented the college in a fine manner.

The event was compulsory for Year 7 & 8 students and optional for Year 9 and 10 students. It was very pleasing to see many individuals competing very hard and endeavouring to achieve their best. Students run a distance of 3km with 16 Year old boys running a 5km distance.

The top five place getters from each age group will represent the college at the upcoming Sandhurst Division Cross Country which will be staged at the Sebastian Harness Racing Complex on Thursday 31st May. Congratulations to all and especially those individuals who have won through to the next stage. Below is the listing of individual results.

12-13 Boys

1. Luke B (12.03)
2. Adam D (13.10)
3. Jake H (13.11)
4. Caleb D (14.00)
5. Hayden M (14.35)

12-13 Girls

1. Meg R (14.05)
2. Sally W (14.11)
3. Hannah L (16.57)
4. Bridie L (17.03)
5. Tasmyn G (18.36)

14 Boys

1. Bailey E (10.40)
2. Michael F (11.20)
3. Spain N (12.02)
4. Jake R (12.28)
5. Hakan G (13.28)

14 Girls

1. Georgia C (14.11)
2. Karly M (20.00)
3. Brooke L (20.47)
4. Tara G (22.32)
5. Jazz F

15 Girls

1. Ruby C (14.11)
2. Brooke D (16.10)
3. Emily B (16.23)
4. Breanna B (16.23)
5. Amber O (16.24)

15 Boys

- Robert B (12.22)
- Murray S (12.49)
- Riley H (12.51)
- Toby L (13.00)
- Joel S (13.05)

16 Boys

1. Lachlan W (17.55)
2. Nathan J (18.18)
3. Blake A (20.18)
4. Leone S (20.45)
5. Brody C (20.45)

16 Girls

1. Alice G (18.52)
2. Kayla P (24.06)
3. Sophie D (25.09)



ACTION APLENTY AT THE WCB CROSS COUNTRY – LAKE WEEROONA



SOME OF THE CROSS COUNTRY AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS LACHY C (16YR), ROBERT B (15 YR), RUBY C (15YR) AND ALICE G (16 YR)

Year 9 & 10 Boys Soccer

Friday 19th May saw the Year 9 & 10 Boys Sandhurst division soccer competition take place at the Epsom Soccer complex. The Weeroona lads competed very well throughout the course of the carnival. Weeroona produced a strong first up result against East Loddon P12 WINNING 6.0. In the second game they teamed well to defeat a committed Girton Grammar 3.0.

The final pool fixture saw W.C.B defeat Eaglehawk Secondary College 2.0.

Ultimately Weeroona finished on top of their pool and were seeded to play Bendigo South East College in the semi final.

Weeroona attacked their goal with skill and flair putting up 9 shots for the game. Several chances were made but sadly none could get into the net. To Bendigo South East Colleges credit they made the most of their sole opportunity and defeated WCB 1.0. A disappointing result considering WCB had the vast majority of the play throughout the course of the game.

Better players throughout the course of the carnival for Weeroona included Paul C, James C, Josh D, Riley H and Shannon T. However, all boys involved made a substantial effort.

Thank-you to James C and Josh D for their assistance in getting to the complex early setting up nets and also packing the nets and flags away at the end of the day. Thanks to all boys involved in the day including the linesmen and boys assisting throughout the carnival.

WCB YR 9 & 10 SOCCER TEAM



Intermediate Girls Soccer Report

Friday 19th May saw the Year 9 & 10 Girls Sandhurst division soccer competition take place at the Epsom Soccer complex. The Weeroona girls, although inexperienced, competed very well throughout the course of the carnival.

After a nervous wait, the Warriors produced a strong first up game against Catholic College but unfortunately didn't come out with a win. The difference was just a late goal against a far more experienced line up.

In the second game, the girls gave their all in a very tough game against Eaglehawk but with injuries mounting the team went down 2-0.

At the end of the day the girls were exhausted but they all still enjoyed themselves even though they didn't get a win in the end. As a team of novices, all players made a great contribution and showed improvement on the day.

A big thank you goes to Mr McIntosh and Jo Hill for coaching on the day and it would be remiss of me not to thank Mr McCormick for his positive contribution.

By Georgia M, Year 10

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator

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.

Exam Timetable will be published in the next newsletter.

Brian Edebohls

INTERSCHOOL DEBATING

Two debating teams from Weeroona College participated in the Regional Debating Competition at Bendigo Senior Secondary College on Tuesday May 15th.

Should all forms of gambling be banned? Should home schooling be banned? Tiana D, Danielle L and Ellymay A formed an impressive junior team and capably debated these two topics. They narrowly lost both debates to teams from Girton Grammar and Notre Dame College.

The senior team comprising of Anjaly C, Laura W and Bridie L debated against the topic 'That police should only break up violent protests', losing by a slight margin to Notre Dame College. Having only an hour to prepare for the secret topic 'That we should ban cosmetic surgery', the team convincingly argued against Girton Grammar and were victors by a close one point.

All students collaborated and planned their debates to a high level. A special mention to Laura W who was awarded best speaker in both senior debates, also, Tiana D who received a best speaker acknowledgement in the junior competition.



ROBBIE C ULURU TRIP

This trip was to celebrate reconciliation and was a breathtaking experience. It was breathtaking because of the beautiful scenery and the spiritual significance for all the pilgrims, including me.

We travelled from Bendigo to Camp Coorong where we all learnt to basket weave. We stayed there for two nights then we were on our way to Port Augusta but the bus broke down two hours away in the middle of nowhere. We waited in the searing heat for seven hours before a bus came to get us. At least we got pizza for dinner. After we set up all the tents we all went to bed and got up a 5.00 am.

We got to Coober Pedy at 4.30pm and went opal noodling. One girl found 3 opal bits so that was cool. We all got to sleep underground but had to be up at 3.30am to go to Yulara, the town where Uluru is. We all went to the primary school for the welcome by Uncle Bob Randal. That was inspiring to listen to him. Then we all painted our hands and put them up on the banner to show respect to the people. We stayed there for three days. On the second night we had a festival and the water ceremony. That was amazing.

The leaders picked one or two indigenous people from every group to go up and collect water in a cup from the elders; this was then given to the non-indigenous people to symbolise the start a new beginning. They performed the water ceremony to heal tensions and allow a way forward because when the European settlers came the indigenous people saved their lives by showing them where the water was, then when the settlers finished they poisoned the water holes and killed most of the aboriginal people. I was one of the lucky ones out of 180 people who was chosen to participate in this ceremony, which was a great honour.

After that we went to bed for a 3.30am wake up to head back to Coober Pedy, it was an awesome trip as I made new friends and learnt a lot about my Indigenous heritage and it is an experience that I will never forget. I would like to thank Carl Rusbridge and Lauren Fakehinde for giving me this opportunity.

By Robbie C, Year 10





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.

2012 Committee

President Kym Blume 5442 2541
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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).



LIBRARY NEWS

Great Reading!

Well done to those students who have registered for the Challenge. We have now read 670 books! There is still time to register so come in and see us in the library and we will get you going!

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.

PARENTS' CLUB

Meeting

There will be a Parents' Club meeting Wednesday 13th June in Wannop Learning Community at 9.15am.

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

COMUNNITY NOTICES

Zone Party Voucher Bendigo For Sale

Can be redeemed for a 3 area combo birthday party Laserzone/Skatezone or Golfzone. To the value of \$220.00 (food NOT included)
 Voucher valid until 30/06/2012
 Will sell for \$170.00
 Contact Margaret on 0419 389 627