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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

25<sup>th</sup> | ANZAC Day Holiday

### MAY

6<sup>th</sup> | Bendigo Senior Secondary College Open Day @  
BSSC 11am – 2pm  
9<sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Information Evening – 7.30pm in Performing  
Arts Centre  
18<sup>th</sup> | Year 7 Girls Immunisations  
21<sup>st</sup> | College Council – 7pm

### JUNE

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> | Year 10 Exams  
11<sup>th</sup> | Queen's Birthday Holiday  
18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> | Year 10 Work Experience  
25<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July | Year 10 Queensland Trip  
18<sup>th</sup> | College Council – 7pm



### 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

### Student Promotion Policy

Welcome back to term two everyone. By now you will have received a package from us that included your child's interim report for semester one and a letter and copy of our new Student Promotions Policy. The Student Promotion Policy, which has been approved by college council, comes in to effect from the beginning of this term. We believe that this policy is a clear indication to each of our students and parents of the expectations that we have for all of our students to achieve success.

You will note that the Star Levels that students are expected to attain are based on an individual's progress. Every effort will be made to take into account the individual needs, both academic and social for everyone but there is a clear message; ***"Promotion to the next year level is the responsibility of each student and it must be earned."***

At Weeroona College Bendigo we are committed to ensuring that all our students are motivated to achieve personal excellence and understand that they must take responsibility for their learning in order to achieve success. I hope that you have taken the time to discuss this policy and the semester one interim report with your child/children to support us in our endeavour to make Personal Excellence a reality for each of our students.

*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.



## SCIENCE NEWS

### Upcoming events in Science

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May our Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend an exciting incursion to strengthen their understanding of the unit on Forensic Science.

***"A Case of Conspiracy?"*** is an exciting and interactive educational experience where observation and deductive reasoning combined with the science that students are learning in the laboratory to solve crimes in the real world. Our students take a journey into the world of the Forensic Scientist and learn how Forensic Science helps the Police to solve crimes every day. They will discover how forensic evidence is gathered, how it is analysed and how the results of these analyses are compiled to provide a detailed picture of the events leading up to a crime and of the criminal even when eye witness accounts are not available.

Students will need to pay \$3.00 each to assist cover the costs of this presentation.

***The Science and Engineering Challenge*** is a day-long competition designed to provide year 10 or year 9 secondary school students with a positive experience of science and engineering. A maximum of 8 schools per day compete against each other at one central venue.

Each school team is divided into 8 groups of 3 or 4 students. Each group works on either 1 full-day activity or 2 half-day activities. (There are 8 different workshop-style activities at each challenge.)

On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May the Bendigo Science and Engineering Challenge is being held at the Phoenix Centre, Latrobe University. Participation in this activity is free and open to interested Year 9 and 10 students.

*Bettina Morrison*  
Science DLG Leader

## PATHWAYS UPDATE - WORK EXPERIENCE

All of our year 10 students will participate in the work experience program this year. Students not going on camp will complete one week of work experience from 25<sup>th</sup> June to the 29th June. Students going on camp must have a placement organised during the Term 2 holidays: 9<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is unable to do a placement during the holidays, students must seek approval from Ms Hodge, Ms Pollard or Mr T Bysouth to organise a placement the week prior to camp, 18<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Letters regarding work experience were distributed with school reports and additional information will be given to students during humanities classes in the coming weeks. If you are yet to receive a letter please let the school know and another one will be sent.

If you have any questions about Work Experience or any other Pathways or Career matters please do not hesitate to contact the Pathways Office at the college.

*Bree Hodge*  
**Pathways/ Transition Leader**

## HUMANITIES NEWS

### Kappen Year 10 visit to the Shrine of Remembrance

On the last Wednesday of Term 1, Year 10 students from Kappen visited the Shrine of Remembrance. We all enjoyed it and had a great time and learnt heaps of new knowledge about World War 1. The tour guides were really helpful and informative and it was fantastic to experience some of the things we had talked about in real life, such as uniforms, packs and provisions and gas masks. Later that afternoon we visited the South Melbourne Market which made us get a better perspective of multi-culturalism.

Thanks to Mr McIntosh and Ms Pollard for organising a great day.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Well done to all the students who are reading for the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

We have 66 students who have registered for the Challenge and they have finished 328 books so far. A great effort! We would like many more students to register for the Challenge to make this Weeroona College Bendigo's best Challenge yet!

Registration forms are available from the Library or can be found on the school website. <http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au>

## ZEST NEWS

### Green Eggs & Ham Food Bags

In 2012 the Zest College Support Team is happy to announce the introduction of WCB's food bank called "Green Eggs & Ham Food Bag". We aim to deliver nutritious, healthy food to individuals and families experiencing hardship, illness or financial difficulty.

If you require the assistance of a food bag then contact the Zest College Support Team and we will be able to assist you. The food ranges from week to week based on what is available. Unfortunately we cannot provide the same family with a food bag two weeks consecutively.

If you are interested in collecting a food bag you must be able to collect it from Weeroona College, in particular situations a member of the ZEST team may be able to deliver it to your home.

For any further questions, please contact Sarah Warburton (Secondary School Nurse).

## SPORTS NEWS

### **Bendigo YMCA Harriers Bendigo Bank Dragon Mile**

The college has a strong history of representation in the famous Dragon Mile which was held on Easter Monday. It was terrific to witness a core of Weeroona students involved in the event in 2012. Congratulations to Michael F who produced an excellent effort in winning the Boys Year 7 & 8 competition, a fantastic effort. Matt C competed strongly finishing second in the Boys Year 9 & 10 event. Brooke D and Ruby

C also produced excellent results finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Girls Year 9 & 10 event.

Again, well done to all competitors who represented Weeroona at this event.



Above: Michael F and Spain N

**UP-COMING SPORT DATES**

**MAY**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Netball (Year 7 A & B Teams) Year 8 A & B Teams)  
 Soccer (Yrs 7 & 8 Boys, Yrs 7 & 8 Girls)  
 Badminton (Yrs 7 & 8 Boys, Yrs 7 & 8 Girls)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Netball (Yrs 9 & 10, A&B Teams)  
 Soccer (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)  
 Badminton (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – WCB Cross Country

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>- Sandhurst Division Cross Country – Marong

*Shawn McCormick*  
**Sports Coordinator**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**



**Bendigo Senior Secondary College Open Day - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**

Bendigo Senior Secondary College is opening its doors for its first Open Day for 2012 from 11am – 2pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This is a fantastic opportunity to tour our new and existing facilities and start the conversation about what the college can offer your child in 2013.

Over the past year BSSC has undergone significant building works resulting in a new Trade Training Centre, Language Centre and English classrooms. The Open Day on May 6<sup>th</sup> will provide you and your child 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 the implementation of our specialist programs. A broad range of these will be available in 2013 and Open Day is the perfect opportunity to hear what they have to offer.

College Principal Dale Pearce will also be presenting information about the college in James King Hall at 12.00noon and 1.00pm

All current and prospective parents and students are welcome to attend.



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**TERM 2, 2012 ACTIVITY PLAN**

Session times: 3.30 – 4.30pm

| Date  | Activity             | Coach                              | Date   | Activity         | Coach  |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Mon, 30 <sup>th</sup> April to Mon, 18 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Dance (zumba)</b> | Saari Frochot-Ryan (Z-Fit Studios) | Tues, 1 <sup>st</sup> May to Tues, 12 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Badminton</b> | Evelyn Dingfelder (Eaglehawk/Bendigo & District Badminton) |



No activity on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June due to public holiday

