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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY
25\textsuperscript{th} | BSSC Information Evening – 7pm @ WCB Performing Arts Building
26\textsuperscript{th} | Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews – 4.30pm – 7.30pm
27\textsuperscript{th} | Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews – 9am – 1pm – No scheduled classes
29\textsuperscript{th} | BSSC Open Day – 11am – 3pm

AUGUST
20\textsuperscript{th} | School Council Meeting – 7.00pm

SEPTEMBER
6\textsuperscript{th} | Staff Professional Learning Day – No School
14 & 15\textsuperscript{th} | Debutante Balls
21\textsuperscript{st} | 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
Welcome to term three which will hopefully be the last term that we will be in any temporary facilities as our last two buildings near completion. At the end of last term we were really pleased to have our amphitheatre covered with synthetic turf as this has really enhanced our grounds. The amphitheatre is situated in the centre of our new school and will enable us to hold outdoor performances from our Performance Centre and students will have lovely surrounds to enjoy their break times.

Mr Jason Bysouth and I joined a tour of 70 school and curriculum leaders from across Australia and New Zealand and spent a week in Beijing during the school break. This was a fabulous opportunity for us to learn about Chinese culture and language. The trip was arranged by the Chinese Hanban/Confucius language centre and they provided us with a range of experiences in learning basic Chinese (Mandarin) language which we utilised on all of our visits and interactions with a wide range of people.

Beijing is a large and bustling city with a population of over 29 million people. One of my best memories of this trip will be our visit to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, located about 45 miles from Beijing. First built in Northern Qi Dynasty (550 - 557), it was rebuilt in the 1300's in order to strengthen its defensive potential. It served as the northern protective screen, guarding the capital and imperial mausoleums for generations. Mutianyu Great Wall winds 1.4 miles through lofty mountains and high ridges, many sections of which are made of granite. The unique structure makes the wall almost indestructible. It measures 23 to 26 feet high and four to five yards wide. Both of the wall's inner and outer sides have parapets to defend against enemies coming from the two sides. Breathtaking!

Our school is looking forward to welcoming ten students and two teachers from China next week. Thank you to those families who have offered to host our guests. This is a terrific way to support our year seven students who are learning Chinese with Ms Penna.

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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA 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 foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1st February, 2012) and Term 3 (16th July). The EMA application must be submitted to the college by FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST, 2012 for the second payment. The EMA provides an annual amount of $235.00 for primary students and $470.00 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Please note if you completed an EMA application on Start Up Day, you do not need to apply again.
PATHWAY'S NEWS

BSSC Information Evening at Weeroona College
On Wednesday, July 25th at 7pm an Information Evening is to be held in the Performing Arts building to assist current Yr 10 students in their forthcoming enrolment process to BSSC. All students in Yr 10 and their families should attend regardless of their intentions for next year. The evening is facilitated by BSSC and teachers from BSSC will attend and there will be an opportunity to talk to their staff about subjects next year, subject selection, VCAL, VCE, VET, Trade Training facilities and the enrolment process. Any queries to Ms Bree Hodge.

Bendigo Senior Secondary College Open Day
Sunday 29 July : 11am - 3pm
Bendigo Senior Secondary College opens its doors for the second Open Day of the year on Sunday 29 July from 11am-3pm. BSSC offers the widest range of curriculum choices in Victoria and promotes an environment in which your student can be supported by teachers who are experts in senior curriculum delivery. The college prides itself on being able to offer flexible delivery options to all students to meet their individual needs in addition to having extensive careers and wellbeing support available.

The Open Day gives you opportunities to speak with individual subject teachers, take a tour of our outstanding new college facilities led by a current student and to hear about our extensive range of Specialist Programs for 2013. During the day our staff will offer students assistance and guidance around our enrolment process, which has been streamlined into an online system, making it easier for students to submit their 2013 enrolment.

WEEROONA WARRIORS NEWS

School Sport Victoria Cross Country
Congratulations to Michael F and Bailey E who both represented Weeroona College in the recent School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championships held in Melbourne on Tuesday 17th July.
Both boys competed in a fine manner finishing the event in the mid 30’s out of field of over 130 in the 14 Boys event. A great effort by both boys. Well done.

UP-COMING SPORT DATES

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 9th August – Clay Target Championship – Echuca
Friday 10th August – VSCC Victorian School Cycling Championships (Road), Bendigo
Thursday 16th August – Year 9 & 10 Sports Day (Table Tennis, Hockey, Basketball)
WELL DONE CAITLIN G

Ride close to Caitlin’s heart

Heathcote’s Caitlin Guppy, 15, with her horse Wally Bunter.

"I think 93km will be enough for him."

Linda Guppy said her daughter was an experienced rider, having started riding at a young age.

“She’s always been around horses,” Mrs Guppy said.

“I think she was four when she got her first horse.”

Caitlin’s school, Weeroona College in Bendigo, christened their new barbecue by holding a fundraiser for the Horse Ride for Cancer.

“The school’s been really supportive,” Caitlin said.

“They even mentioned it in my school report, which was nice. I’d always have that for the future.”

Anyone who would like to sponsor Caitlin for either the whole ride or per kilometre can sign up by contacting the Modov Times at 170 High St, Heathcote or by phone on 5433 3311.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES – Primary Students

Term 3 – 2012 Activity Plan Session times – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Learn To Row
Would you like to learn to row? The next intake will be happening soon. The Junior Learn To Row program is suitable for students already in Year 8 and above. Students in Year 6/7 can also get involved as coxswains. An information session will be held at 6pm on Monday 23 July 2012 at the Lake Weeroona Pavilion. Students MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Visit our website http://home.vicnet.net.au/~bgorow or direct your inquiries to Esmae Barnes bendigorc@live.com.au or Ph 5449 3355 (AH) / 0487 390 542.

An adult learn to row program is also available.

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.