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MARCH

26th | Immunisations Year 7 & 10 Boys & Girls
30th | Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

APRIL

16th | Term 2 Resumes

MAY

18th | Year 7 Girls Immunisations

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The school council is the group of people who assist in governing our school. It is given the power to set the key directions for the school, and is a legal entity in its own right. A school council directly influences the quality of education that a school provides to its students.
It gives me great pleasure to announce our school council for the 2012_2013 school year at Weeroona College Bendigo.

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At our recent meeting we covered the following topics:
1. Election of new office bearers for the council.
2. Co-option of the 2 community members.
3. Agreement for following sub committees to operate for this next year: Finance, and Buildings/Master Planning Committee. We will also be forming a New School Opening / 50 plus 1 Year Birthday Celebration Committee.
4. Approval of 2 Policies – The Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Devices Policy (a slight amendment which is available for viewing on our school website) and the new Student Promotion Policy, a copy of which you will each receive in the mail in the next week.

STUDENT PROMOTION POLICY
Next week you will all receive a letter and a copy of our new Student Promotion Policy which has been approved at the most recent college council meeting. 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. This policy is being implemented from the beginning of term two, 2012.

You will note that the Star Levels that students are expected to attain are based on an individual’s progress and that 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 will take the time to discuss this policy with your child/children and support us in our endeavour to make Personal Excellence a reality.

SCHOOL REVIEW
In an earlier newsletter I informed you all of the school review taking place during first semester of this year. As a part of the review, our reviewer will be in the school for four days early next term meeting with groups of staff, students and parents as a part of the consultation process. Any parents who would like to be a part of this consultation and meet with our reviewer are asked to contact me at school by Friday 30th March so that I can give you more details and add your name to the list. I would really encourage you to consider this opportunity to be a part of our school review process and look forward to hearing from you.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Immunisations
The first round of immunisations will take place on Monday 26th March. Subsequent Immunisation dates are – 
May 18th - Year 7 girls
September 18th - All Year 7 students
Any queries regarding immunisations e.g. students who were away etc, need to be directed to Angela Evans, Immunisation Coordinator, Greater City of Bendigo – Phone – 5434 6312.

Information for your daughter from Cancer Council Victoria
Is your daughter in Year 7 or Year 8? Has she had all three doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine?

The HPV vaccine prevents around 70% of cervical cancers and is provided to girls in their first year of secondary school. The vaccine is most effective if given to girls at age 12-13, before sexual activity starts and when they are able to create more antibodies. Girls in Victoria who commence the HPV immunisation course in Year 7 have until the end of Year 8 to complete the course free-of-charge.

The vaccine consists of three doses taken over a six month period, and all three doses are required for best protection against cervical cancer. However, a quarter of girls in Victoria have failed to complete the course by the age of 15.

Common barriers to having all three injections include pain and a fear of needles, plus a lack of understanding about what the vaccine is for.
Cancer Council Victoria has developed a new online video specifically targeted to girls who are yet to start or finish the HPV immunisation course. The video helps to clear up common misconceptions, answer frequently asked questions, and provide an easy-to-understand overview of cervical cancer, HPV and the vaccine, in a fun and engaging manner. The short video is accessible to view on the cervical cancer vaccine website (www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au).

If your daughter has not yet completed the HPV immunisation course, or is due for her first dose, we strongly encourage you to access this new resource and watch it together. If you still have any questions or concerns afterwards, please contact your local Council immunisation service or call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

Helen Tuohey
Assistant 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.

LITERACY HELP
Students, do you require help with your literacy? If so, tutoring to help you will be available on Wednesday nights after school, starting on Wednesday 28th March at 3.20pm, in MERIN. This service, provided by your teachers, is available free of charge. Literacy tutoring will finish at 4.30pm.

Ms C. Toose
Literacy Coordinator

ENGLISH NEWS
Weeroona Word Warriors: Interschool Debating
On Tuesday 13th March, several Weeroona College Bendigo students tested their verbal combat skills against other regional schools at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. For many of the students it was their first time competitively debating and they demonstrated excellent organisation and teamwork skills.

The Year 10 team of Anjaly C, Bridie L, Isobelle M and Laura W debated the following two topics: “That we should abolish all domestic quotas on television and radio” and a secret topic based on parents and families, “That smacking should be a crime”.

The Year 8/9 team of Ellymay A, Jazz, Tianna D debated “That we should not celebrate Australia Day” and “That we should not allow people under 18 to compete in professional sport”.

Kirra K, Brianna D and Georgia F came along as support crew and to pick up some debating tips for the next round in May, 2012.

Thank you to the following staff for supporting the debating teams: Jon McIntosh, Chris Toose & Jaime Gray.

Carolyn Jones
English Teacher

RACV TRANSMISSION
The RACV transmission is a program where students from Victoria work on a T.V add for one of these issues:
1. Speak up look after your mates
2. Drink driving
3. Passengers and driving

The students get into groups of 3 to 8 and have about half a year to write and pull together an ad. You have to have a design brief, script and a storyboard.

I’m in a group with Courtney C and Taylia B we have decided to work on drink driving as thousands of people die each year as a result of drunk driving. Drink driving is one of the biggest killers on our roads.

By Corey P, Year 10

Transmission is RACV's secondary school road safety program which runs in Semester One of each school year. Students learn about road safety and use their imagination to create a Community Service Announcement for television. The most outstanding design will be produced and screened on television.
Through the Transmission program, students will

- select a road safety topic and investigate its impact
- analyse data and gather evidence to support the development and presentation of the safety message
- communicate safe and responsible road use and attitudes to the target audience
- present their concept using a storyboard and script.

The RACV Transmission program encourages students to plan, investigate and create in a team environment. Schools can use the program as a component of an area of study, a cross-curricular collaborative project or an extracurricular project. Cody M, Maddi J, Brianna G and Brianna D.

In teenage health our group (Lachlan H, Ashleigh M, Travis H, Michael O, Shaun S) are working on the RACV transmission program. The program is to share young people’s ideas of how to make the roads a safer place and to raise awareness of how big the issue is. Within our group we have decided to focus on passengers distracting the driver and putting them into a bad position on the road. We have decided this because over the last 5 years an average of 60 deaths every year over the past 5 years.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Recently, Weeroona College Bendigo Year 10 students had an opportunity to attend a Model United Nations Conference held at the Bendigo Town Hall. Students from schools in the Loddon Mallee Region acted as ambassadors for different countries from around the world. It was a really good time for the students and gave us a chance to gain understanding of the diplomatic methods of how UN conferences are and to learn more about how different countries are affected by climate change.

The topic was, “There’s No Place like Home: How to Address the Situation of Environmentally Displaced Persons.” The topic was handed to students beforehand so they could research and be informed about the country they were representing. Everyone had conducted their research very well and did an excellent job speaking about their country, delivering their position statement in front of all the other ambassadors and working towards changes to the resolution.

The students involved were Anjaly C and Isobelle M representing the Republic of India, Francois S and Mark F representing The Republic of South Africa and Hayley M, Samantha B and Bridie L representing New Zealand.

Overall, it was an amazing day and each and every student were able to learn new things about various countries, learn more about diplomatic processes and share their understanding about the country they represented.

By Anjaly C, Year 10
MUSIC NEWS

This Sunday: WCB students in concert with the Grainger Wind Symphony.

The Bendigo Colleges Symphonic Band (which includes several of our students) will play host this Sunday afternoon (March 25) to guest artists The Grainger Wind Symphony, from Melbourne. These two excellent bands will rehearse together on Sunday morning, then share a concert at 4:00pm, in the James King Hall at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Both groups are in the final stages of preparation for the National Band Championships at Easter time, so they’ll both be in top form. Entry is free.

The Bendigo Colleges Symphonic Band achieved a 3rd place in their first attempt the Championships last year, and they are hoping to improve on that result in 2012. One of their main works is a symphony based on the J. R. Tolkien saga “The Lord of the Rings”.

The Grainger Wind Symphony is a similar band, but is made up of music teachers, tertiary music students and accomplished amateur musicians from around Melbourne. They are one of the finest non-professional orchestras in the country.

Enquiries: Warwick Cohen - 0401 915 112 cohen.warwick.w@edumail.vic.gov.au

SPORTS NEWS

WCB Athletics Carnival
Weeroona College Bendigo held their Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 14th March at the Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex, Flora Hill.

It was fantastic to see many students wearing their house colours which added to the atmosphere of the day. It was great to witness many of the student body making a defined effort in both Track and Field events. Well done to all competitors and congratulations to all those who won events.

For the first time in several years the WCB Staff lowered their colours and were defeated by the students in the annual 4 x 100 metre relay. Well done to all involved.

Event winners will now represent the college at the Sandhurst Division Athletic Championships, to be held on Monday 14th May.

Junior Aggregate Results -
1st - Derrinal (316pts)
2nd - Metcalfe (285 pts)
3rd - Kimbolton (245 pts)

Senior Aggregate Results -
1st - Coliban (379pts)
2nd - Derrinal (283 pts)
3rd - Kimbolton (257 pts)
4th - Metcalfe (190pts)

Overall Results
1st - Coliban (600 pts)
2nd - Derrinal (599 pts)
3rd - Kimbolton (502 pts)
4th - Metcalfe (475 pts)

Individual Age Group Championships
Boys:
16(OPEN) Boys – Nathan J
15 Boys – Reece D
14 Boys – Bailey E
12-13 Boys – Adam D
Girls:
16 (OPEN) Girls – Alice G
15 Girls – Ruby C
14 Girls – Karly M
12 - 13 Girls – Meg R

Below are the individual winners of each particular event, and the individuals who will represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the Sandhurst Division Athletic Championships to be held on Monday 14th May.

SANDHURST DIVISION ATHLETIC CARNIVAL- 2012

12-13 GIRLS
1500MTR – Meg R, Tasmyng G
800 MTR – Sally W
400 MTR- Abby W
200 MTR – Maddie R
100 MTR- Hannah L
100 MTR HURDLES – Sinead B
4x100 MTR RELAY- Hannah L, Abby W, Emily T, Sinead B
SHOT PUT- Jamilla Z
DISCUS- Tiarne F
JAVELIN- Tiana D
HIGH JUMP- Jasmine W
LONG JUMP- Jaz H
TRIPLE JUMP- Sally W

12-13 BOYS
1500MTR – Luke B, Heath P
800 MTR – Jake H
400 MTR- Caleb D
200 MTR – Jake H
100 MTR- Jake H
100 HURDLES- Jake H
4x100 MTR RELAY- Jake H, Adam D, Caleb D, Dallas B
SHOT PUT- Bailey G
DISCUS- Adam D
JAVELIN- Adam D
HIGH JUMP- Brayden T
LONG JUMP- Adam D
TRIPLE JUMP- Adam D
14 GIRLS
1500MTR - Brydie K, Ebony M
800 MTR - Karina R
400 MTR - Caitlin G
200 MTR - Caitlin G
100 MTR - Karly M
100 MTR HURDLES- Karly M
4x100 MTR RELAY- Karly M, Caitlin G, Ebony M, Emily H
SHOT PUT- Rhapsody A
DISCUS- Karly M
JAVELIN- Karly M
HIGH JUMP- n/a
LONG JUMP- Karly M
TRIPLE JUMP- Ebony M

14 BOYS
1500MTR - Bailey E, Michael F
800 MTR - Bailey E
400 MTR- Tallis M
200 MTR - Bailey E
100 MTR- Bailey E
100 MTR HURDLES- Iliesa S
4x100 MTR RELAY- Bailey E, Dale P, Connor A, Spain M
SHOT PUT- James M
DISCUS- Brayden E
JAVELIN- Brayden E
HIGH JUMP- Brayden E
LONG JUMP- Bailey E
TRIPLE JUMP- Bailey E

15 GIRLS
1500MTR - Zoe D, Alannah G
800 MTR - Ruby C
400 MTR- Ruby C
200 MTR – Zoe D
100 MTR - Taylor O
100 MTR HURDLES – Zoe D
4x100 MTR RELAY- Tayla O, Ruby C, Zoe D, Brooke D
SHOT PUT- Ruby C
DISCUS- Kaitlyn B
JAVELIN- Ruby C
HIGH JUMP- Brooke D, Zoe D
LONG JUMP- Zoe D
TRIPLE JUMP- Ruby C

15 BOYS
1500MTR - Luke M, Lachy C
800 MTR – Murray S
400 MTR- Rhyce D
200 MTR – Zac S
100 MTR- Jess V
100 MTR HURDLES- Rhyce D
4x100 MTR RELAY- Jess V, Lachlan L, Josh P, Tim D
SHOT PUT- Rhyce D
DISCUS- Rhyce D
JAVELIN- Rhyce D
HIGH JUMP - Brandt W
LONG JUMP - Josh P
TRIPLE JUMP- Michael M

16 GIRLS
1500MTR - Jenna W, Katie P
800 MTR - Cody M
400 MTR- Jenna W
200 MTR – Jenna W
100 MTR- Amy W
100 MTR HURDLES- Alice G
4x100 MTR RELAY- Amy W, Jenna W, Alice G, Hafize G
SHOT PUT- Mikaela A
DISCUS- Kayla P
JAVELIN- Alice G
HIGH JUMP- Alice G
LONG JUMP- Amy W
TRIPLE JUMP- Amy W

16 BOYS
1500MTR - Josh D, Matt C
800 MTR – Matt C
400 MTR- Matt C
200 MTR – Lincoln R
100 MTR- Lincoln R
100 MTR HURDLES- Leone S
4x100 MTR RELAY- Lincoln R, Leone S, Corey P, Nathan J, Matt C
SHOT PUT- Tom C
DISCUS- Nathan J
JAVELIN- Nathan J
HIGH JUMP- Josh D
LONG JUMP- Corey P
TRIPLE JUMP- Corey P

YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS CRICKET
Tuesday 19th March saw the Sandhurst Division
Year 9 & 10 Boys cricket competition staged at
Catholic College, Junortoun.

WCB played Catholic College in their first game. Weeroona bowled first with Catholic College
compiling a competitive 4 for 136. Wicket takers for
Weeroona were Mitch D, Jakk T and Corey D.

Weeroona got their run chase off to a flying start
with Brayden S smashing 27 off the first 5 overs. Corey D also crafted a well composed 24. Several
other Weeroona bats established starts but did not
compile enough runs to make up Catholic College’s
total. Ultimately Weeroona were 9 wickets down for
98.

Weeroona College’s second game saw them
matched against Bendigo South East Secondary
College. BSE won the toss and elected to bat.
Weeroona bowled a better line sand length in this
game with Bendigo South East College making a
score of 3 for 152, with Corey P taking a wicket and
2 run outs.

In reply Weeroona made a total of 100 with too
many boys endeavouering to smash each delivery
regardless of its merit. Travis H batted well making
10 while Anthony M made a very well compiled and
intelligent 26 not out.

Well done to all boys involved in the day. All boys
were well behaved and GENERALY displayed a
solid effort. A thank-you must also go to local
cricket identity Barry Findlay who is continuing his long standing relationship with Weeroona College Cricket teams, with his effort in coaching the boys. Again well done to all involved in the day.

Above: Coach Barry Findlay with the Weeroona College Bendigo Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket team

**UP-COMING SPORT DATES**

**MARCH**

Thursday 29th - SSV Swimming & Diving (MSAC)*

**Term 2 Begins Monday 16th April**

**APRIL**

Friday 20th – Yr 7, 8 & 9 Girls Football

**MAY**

Thursday 3rd – 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 14th – Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival

Friday 18th – 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 22nd – WCB Cross Country

Thursday 31st – Sandhurst Division Cross Country – Marong

**Congratulations**


Nikaylah has qualified to swim in the VSS State Championships in Melbourne in the Breaststroke on 29th March. We wish her luck.

Mr Ellis
Primary Department

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Loddon Valley Netball Association**

Loddon Valley Netball Association are seeking interested players for the 2012 season for clubs that play in the Loddon Valley League. If you wish to play sport, meet and make new friends, have a great day out and become a part of a family oriented club and league, then **Loddon Valley IS the place for YOU**.

There are positions available for Senior, 17 & Under and 15 & Under netball players in the following clubs: Inglewood, Bears Lagoon Serpentine, Calivil United and Pyramid Hill.

For information please contact:
Inglewood - Susan Roberts 54383247
Bears Lagoon Serpentine - Rosalie Thompson 0488 051 766
Calivil United - Kim Piergrosse 0428 318 045
Pyramid Hill - Kate Bartels 0429 671 807

Shawn McCormick
Sports Coordinator
Read the newspaper together.

Watch the news with your child and discuss what’s happening.

Check Outlook Calendar or the Ultranet to see what work needs to be completed and when it’s due.

Tell the time together.

Read a book or magazine together. Discuss it.

Ask your child to show you the WCB web site or other web sites.

Encourage your child to read the directions to you from a map when driving together.

Plan a trip or an outing together.

Read aloud EVERY day.

Ask your child to write the shopping list.