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Jason Bysouth

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**L7A** Gary Schroeder

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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** | Year 8/9 Surf Camp – Lorne

**19<sup>th</sup>** | School Council – 7pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** | Energy Breakthrough - Maryborough

**23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** | Year 10 Exams – BSSC

**27<sup>th</sup>** | End of Year Music Concert – Performing Arts Building – 7pm

**28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** | Primary Camp – Swan Hill

### DECEMBER

**3<sup>rd</sup>** | School Council – 6.30pm

**4<sup>th</sup>** | Grade 6 Orientation Day – school free day for Year 8 & 9 students

**11<sup>th</sup>** | WCB Awards Evening

**21<sup>st</sup>** | Last Day of Term 4



### 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**

### **Curriculum Planning and staffing for 2013**

It has been noted, that a number of students have had questions and concerns in relation to curriculum programs and staffing for next year.

Our school is funded on the numbers of students that we have each year. We always knew that our school would reduce in size for a few years due to the numbers of students in our feeder primary schools. Our new school has been built to accommodate a student population of 900 students and it is pleasing to note that we are anticipating a higher number of year 7 students for next year than we have enrolled over the past 2 years. We hope to continue to grow over the next few years and employ lots of new staff as well as keep our current, terrific staff.

I certainly have not sacked any staff members as has been widely discussed amongst students. It is the responsibility of the Principal to make sure that we do not go over budget and every year I look at what teachers and support staff we need to meet the needs of our curriculum and students. This does result in staffing changes and sometimes a Principal is required to name staff in excess of the total number required to run a schools programs. I have determined that we can operate with a reduction of our current staffing for next year and still offer all of our subjects.

We have also had some concerns in relation to our Technology curriculum. As a school who is part of the Bendigo Trade Training Centre Consortium – we are now offering a broad range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects and our students can also access even more subjects at the other Trade Training sites across Bendigo (check out the information on our school website). No Technology subject is being cut from the Weeroona College Bendigo curriculum for 2013. In semester 1, 2013, our year 9 and 10 elective program shows that we are offering a slightly higher percentage of Technology subjects across the total curriculum than we did this year.

I hope this clarifies things for everyone and am always happy to speak with you on this or any other matter.

### **A Reminder to Parents**

The Administration entrance of our new school can be found via the Napier Street carpark and you are asked to access the school via Administration for all visits.

### **Orientation Day**

Our Annual Orientation Day for 2013 Year 7 students will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Current students in Years 8 & 9 are not required at school on this day.

*Leanne Preece*  
**Principal**

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## **CANTEEN**

We will not be opening the canteen for lunch orders on Mondays for Term 4 this year.

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## **YEAR 10 NETBOOKS**

Year 10 Netbooks are to be returned no later than the Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of November. This day year 10 exams will be conducted at Bendigo Senior Secondary, Weeroona IT staff will be present to receive Netbooks. As a bonus netbooks returned early, from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November, will receive a \$5 canteen voucher from the Office.

BSSC have asked to be informed of any students that do not return Netbooks to WCB. As was the case last year this will be a condition of receiving a BSSC netbook.

## MUSIC NEWS

Our choir and band members recently learned a song called “Different People” and took part in a government initiative called “Music Count Us In” on Thursday. They were also joined by students with fantastic voices from M7B, L7A and K7B.

Mr Geoff Ellett organised a link up with Parliament House and at exactly 12.30pm EST, 2000 schools nationwide, sang and played this song. What a magnificent experience and it was great to be a part of this year. Thankyou to the BIMP teachers who supported this activity especially Mr Cohen and Mr Moncrieff.

Mrs Therese Johnston  
**School Music Coordinator**



## SPORTS NEWS

### Tess Carter Wins State Title - Cycling

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October saw Tess Carter represent Weeroona College Bendigo in the School Sport Victoria affiliated State Cycling Championships held in Geelong.

Tess is extremely disciplined and passionate in relation to her cycling pursuits. Tess produced fantastic results in relation to this event, and in a hard fought contest won the championships. The event took place at Belmont in Geelong around a tight and corner riddled course. Tess' expertise in negotiating tight corners combined with her powerful sprinting prowess saw her achieve a hard fought victory.

Congratulations Tess on your fantastic achievement.



### Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 Super 8's Competition

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October saw the Year 7 & 8 Super 8's competition staged at Beischer Park. It was pleasing to see both the boys and the girl's teams working well and enjoying the concept of the day. The girls team battled hard throughout their designated games and displayed a legitimate improvement throughout the course of the day.

The boys team teamed well throughout the competition and ultimately made the final. Big hitting was the constant but sadly Weeroona lost too many wickets and fell short in making it through to the next stage.

The Year 9 & 10 Boys and Girls competition was staged on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. All boys and girls involved competed in a fine manner. Both the boys and the girls teams won two of the three games with both teams narrowly missing out on finals berths. Thank-you and well done to all participants who were involved.



### School Sport Victoria Track and Field Championships

Congratulations to Karly Mitchell (Discus) and Matt Cindric (800 metres) who both competed in the School Sport Victoria Track and Field Championships held at Albert Park on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Karly produced fine results finishing third and taking out the bronze medal, a fantastic effort. Matthew Cindric also produced fine results on the day, picking up a silver medal in the 800 metres. Well done to both.

*Shawn McCormick*  
**Sports Coordinator**



Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

## EMA - Newsletter Information 2013



### Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

#### New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection **or**

- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

#### Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, 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 temporary foster parent.

\* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).

#### Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Prep	Years 1 - 6	Year 7	Year 8 – Age 16
<b>Instalment One</b>	\$140	\$105	\$210	\$175
<b>Instalment Two</b>	\$60	\$45	\$90	\$75
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$250</b>

\*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**EMA application forms will be available from the General Office on Start Up Day 2013 to lodge your**

application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WHITE HILLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.00pm at the Scott Street clubrooms. All current and prospective parents are invited to come along and get involved in the committee. Any enquiries can be emailed to [whjfcclub@gmail.com](mailto:whjfcclub@gmail.com)

### EAGLEHAWK CULTURAL & COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Eaglehawk Community House will be hosting the 2012 Eaglehawk Cultural & Community Festival this Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November from 3pm in the Canterbury Gardens Eaglehawk. **Entry is FREE.** Come along and experience the traditional dress, dance and music of different cultures right here in Eaglehawk and be part of a positive, enriching and entertaining afternoon. We are very excited to have the Red Ochre Dancers and the Plum Blossom Dancers performing, as well as Mugi Rahayu's (Indonesian Orchestra) and African Drummers, Sayon Souare & Molly Crow. Robyn Barker the Clown and Narelle Stone the Rainbow Fairy will also visit the gardens to entertain the children during the afternoon. Geoffrey Graham will comper the event as well as entertain the audience with a spot of Aussie humour and poems.

A variety of singers will perform throughout the afternoon including the Ulumbarra Choir and Flinn and Amicus will perform a special presentation of mime. The Chinese Lions will finish the evening in the park with a bang! BYO chairs and sunscreen and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The **Star Cinema** will continue the multicultural experience with dessert finger food from 8:00pm and then the film, *Beasts of the Southern Wild (M)* at 8.30pm. Tickets \$17/\$15/\$13. Bookings essential on 5446 2025

### FUSION LOUNGE

60 Raglan Street, White Hills. A place for Youth to relax. Pool Table, Table Tennis, Creative S tuff, Music. Open Friday's from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Phone or text for more information – 5448 5255 or 0439 370 877. All Fusion programs are strictly Drug & Alcohol Free.

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM FOR OUR PRIMARY STUDENTS



Australian Government  
Australian Sports Commission

**Active After-school  
Communities**

Helping kids and communities get active

**WEEROONA COLLEGE**

**TERM 4, 2012 ACTIVITY PLAN**

**Session times: 3.30 – 4.30pm**

Date	Activity	Coach	Date	Activity	Coach
Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Wed, 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Judo</b>	Josh Meldrum <small>(Judo Bendigo)</small>	Thur, 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Thur, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Skateboarding</b>	Fraser Myers Paul Johns <small>(Bendigo Regional YMCA)</small>
			Thur, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov To Thur, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Orienteering</b>	Kelsey Chandler <small>(Bendigo Orienteers)</small>

No activity on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Bendigo Cup holiday


