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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**5<sup>th</sup>** | Proposed Stop Work Day (strike) - TBA  
**6<sup>th</sup>** | Staff Professional Learning Day – **No school for students.**  
**General Office closed due to computer upgrade.**  
**14 & 15<sup>th</sup>** | Debutante Balls  
**18<sup>th</sup>** | Year 7 Immunisations  
**21<sup>st</sup>** | Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm finish

### OCTOBER

**8<sup>th</sup>** | 1<sup>st</sup> Day 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**

### **Building News**

We are all getting very excited (especially those of us in the portable buildings), and some have even begun to pack as we prepare to move into the last two of our new buildings for the beginning of term 4. After this, we are hoping that the portables will be removed promptly and the last of the landscaping completed along the front of our beautiful new school. Weeroona College Bendigo has been part of a building site for the last three and a half years and it will be a great relief to finally have all of this work completed. All of the staff and students who have been affected, in some way or other, by the building works are to be congratulated for all that has been endured. In particular I would like to thank the Foods and Hospitality staff who have been in a portable kitchen for the entire length of the program and will be the last ones to move into a beautiful new kitchen.

### **Year 9 and 10, 2013, Pathways Planning**

It was pleasing to learn of the excellent attendance of current year 8 and 9 students and their parents at Wednesday night's pathways planning information evening. A reminder to you all that the subject selection forms are due at the end of next week, the information relating to subjects offered by our school and through the other Bendigo Schools Trade Training Centre Consortium sites is on our school website and you are encouraged to make contact with relevant staff if you still have questions relating to the subjects that you son/daughter should be selecting.

### **David Hopkins visits Weeroona College Bendigo**

Last Friday we were fortunate to have another visit from our mentor, David Hopkins. David is Professor Emeritus at the Institute of Education, University of London and he has been making regular trips from England to Victoria to work with schools, including ours, as we continue to implement the Bendigo Education Plan. David, Vince Dobbs our Regional Network Leader and the Leadership Team conducted a learning walk through many of our classrooms where we made observations about the learning and teaching that was occurring. David made positive comments about our progress, since his last visit, and gave us helpful ideas on what next to focus on with our teachers. We look forward to his return in November.

### **Facebook**

The school now has an official Facebook page. We will be using this to keep you up-to-date with College news and resources. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to email them to: [weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Proposed stop work action by our staff on Wednesday, September 5**

It is highly likely that a significant number of our teachers and education support staff will take stop work action next Wednesday.

Whilst they understand that this action presents difficulties for parents, they are very concerned about the long term implications on your child's education if they do not take a stand now. Victoria has the lowest spending per student in Australia and staff salaries are falling behind many other states.

All our staff would really appreciate your support in this campaign. Please, tell your local politicians that you want Victorian teachers and support staff to be adequately paid and secure in their jobs.

*Leanne Preece*  
**Principal**

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## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Year 8 & 9 Subject Selection Process for 2013**

Thank you to the large group of parents, students and teachers who attended Wednesday evening's Elective Information evening. The response from families was enormous and hopefully all queries and concerns were addressed. The time line for elective sheet completion and submission is as follows:

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Elective selection Sheet due in by 12noon.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Student electives selection completed.

Students will select electives from a grid. There are approximately 16 choices in each line of the grid. Selection rules and processes will be explained to students in the Handbook on the college website ([www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au)) and in Advisory time.

### **Yr 11 Enrolments at BSSC 2013**

The on-line enrolment process has now closed. Any further enrolment applications for 2013 need to be directed to BSSC.

### **Immunisations - final round**

The final round of immunisations will take place on Tuesday morning, 18<sup>th</sup> September. This will involve all Year 7 students. Any queries regarding immunisations eg. students who were away etc. need to be directed to Angela Evans, Immunisation Coordinator, Greater City of Bendigo – Phone – 5434 6312.

The Department of Health immunisation website has a new fact sheet titled *Secondary School Immunisation - information for parents* at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/secondary-school-immunisation.htm> This resource assists parents to be aware of the school-based immunisation program for Year 7 and Year 10 students, what they need to do, and how they can access free vaccine for their child if the vaccine is missed at school.

*Helen Tuohey*  
**Assistant Principal**

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### **FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...**

#### **\*\*\*\*\*General Office Closed – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2012\*\*\*\*\***

The General Office will be closed on the Pupil Free Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September due to a computer upgrade.

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### **PATHWAY'S NEWS**

#### **Construction Induction Training**

Students are being given the opportunity to complete Construction Induction Card (CIC) Training (previously known as the RED CARD). It is an essential ticket for all workers on construction sites and many employers require students to complete this before starting work experience or employment as an apprentice. Completing this training through external providers is quite costly; however WCB is able to offer this at the heavily reduced rate of \$20. The course is delivered at school over a full day (date to be confirmed). Please note students must be 15 years old. Places are limited so you will need to see Ms Hodge ASAP to make sure you don't miss out.

#### **Bricklaying Step Out Program – BRIT**

Bendigo TAFE is offering Year 10 students the opportunity to participate in their Bricklaying Step Out Program. This program provides the opportunity for students to gain "hands on" experience and an insight into the Bricklaying industry. At the end of this course students will be given the opportunity to enrol in a Pre-Apprenticeship in 2013. The program runs each Friday from October 19 through to November 30 (approx. 40 hours). Students must be 15 years old. Please see Ms Hodge ASAP for further information.

**BSSC Transition Timeline for 2012**

Wednesday November 28	Orientation Day to BSSC for all Year 10 Students
Wednesday November 28 to Friday November 30	Parent Information Sessions at BSSC- Students attend with a Parent/ Guardian. <i>Information from BSSC will be provided Term 4</i>
Thursday November 29 to Wednesday December 5	BSSC Transition Week for all Year 10 Students <i>Information from BSSC will be provided Term 4</i>
Thursday December 6 to Friday December 7	Subject Change Day- BSSC staff available to discuss changes with students and families during this time

*Bree Hodge*

**Pathways Coordinator**

**LITERACY WEEK: 27<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2012**

This week was Literacy and Numeracy week. We celebrated the week with an activity on Wednesday: POEM-IN-YOUR-POCKET day. Everyone at Weeroona College Bendigo was asked to bring their favourite poem to school. Some people like to express themselves through their own poems while others find inspiration or humour through the poetry of others. Teachers and students shared their favourite poem in class on Wednesday.

**How can I help improve the literacy levels of my child?**

This is a question teachers are often asked. The best thing you can do is have conversations. Talk about what is happening in life, in the news, in your community. English teachers are finding many students struggle with inference. The On Demand Reading Tests conducted at the start of each term indicate that 'inference' is an area that many students fall down in. Inference is where a student is asked to predict what a character is about to do next or what or why a character may be feeling when xxx happens. They are usually given a choice between 4 responses. Whilst the reactions of a character may seem like common sense to an adult, it is not always clear to our students.

Having conversations about what someone may feel or what they may have to do because of something occurring, will help your child understand the complexities of emotions and reactions that we, as human beings, experience.

Talking about everyday events doesn't occur as much as it used to. We seem to lead busier lives or lives caught up with technological changes and the art of conversation has taken a back seat to everything else. Talking is simple, easy and free! Please make some time every day to talk.

Students can also avail the free Literacy Support class offered each Wednesday from 3.20 to 4.30pm in Merin. All are most welcome.

*Christine Toose*

**Literacy Coordinator**

**ART NEWS**

The Art department would like to invite the College Community to view our students' stunning art work at this year's annual Bendigo State Secondary Colleges Combined Student Art Show.

**BENDIGO STATE SECONDARY COLLEGES  
COMBINED STUDENT ART SHOW  
OFFICIAL OPENING  
TUESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012  
7.00PM  
MAC GILLIVRAY HALL  
BRIT- McCrae Street Entrance  
PUBLIC VIEWING: 10AM – 4PM DAILY  
TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**WEEROONA WARRIORS NEWS**



**Sandhurst Weeroona Cricket Club Registration Night**

Sandhurst Weeroona are one of the college's community based partners (Building Stronger Links). If any boys or girls are looking to play Cricket this season, think seriously about playing for Sandhurst Weeroona. Training and the club base is at nearby Weeroona Oval. Registrations still available. See Mr McCormick if you wish to have any further details.



**MUSIC NEWS**

**Take Note! College Band Success**

Our training band took part in the Melbourne School Bands Festival on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University.

Two adjudicators critiqued the band in 16 sections. They each gave the band 11 "outstanding" and 5 "excellent" scores. These are the best results we have received for quite a few years and it is thanks to the hard work of the director, Warwick Cohen and of course to the star performers on the day. There were bands of approx. 30 – 94 students from several of Melbourne's finest private schools. Our group of 18 stood tall. The band looked great and sounded magnificent.

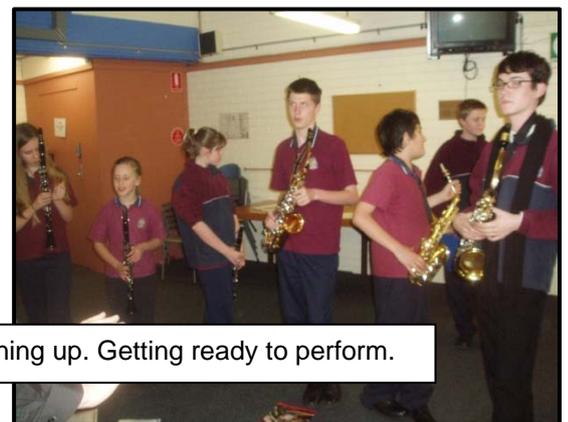
The chief adjudicator sprang onto the stage and gave the band members much praise and many compliments. He enthusiastically worked with them and gave them many valuable tips. He was very impressed with their skills and even more so with the fact that there were several primary students participating. He was amazed they had only 6 months tuition.

Many thanks to Mr John Matthews for driving the bus and to Mr Warwick Cohen for giving these students such a wonderful opportunity and experience. We returned home with 18 very excited students. They were great ambassadors for our college.



Archana, Tiffany and Nikaylah sharing lunch together.

Lunchtime after the performance at Elwood beach....team bonding and lots of fun.



Tuning up. Getting ready to perform.



A more serious time in the Robert Blackwood Hall. Having a tutorial and listening to a band perform.

*Therese Johnston*  
**School Music Coordinator**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

We have just over a month to add to our Premier's Reading Challenge tally. Students involved in the Challenge have completed **1253** books. A fantastic effort with lots of interesting and exciting books read!



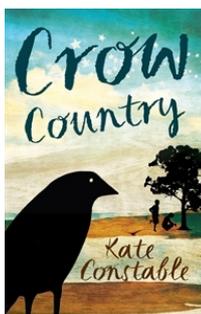
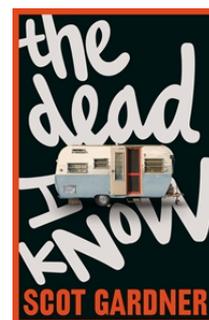
Please make sure books are recorded on the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge website and marked as finished when they have been read.

Come and see us in the library if you can't remember your user name or password.

**CHAMPIONS READ C.B.C.A****Book of the Year 2012 Winners****Older Readers Category**

The winner was **The Dead I Know** by Scot Gardner.

Honour books were **A Straight Line to my Heart** by Bill Condon and **When We were Two** by Robert Newton.

**Younger Readers Category**

The winner was **Crow Country** by Kate Constable.

The honour books were **Nanberry : Black Brother White** by Jackie French and **The Truth About Verity Sparks** by Susan Green

**Early Childhood Category**

The winner was **The Runaway Hug** by Nick Bland and illustrated by Freya Blackwood.

The honour books were **Come Down, Cat!** By Sonya Hartnett and illustrated by Lucia Masciullo and **That's not a Daffodil!** by Elizabeth Honey.



For winners of the other categories go to [http://cbca.org.au/Winners\\_2012.htm](http://cbca.org.au/Winners_2012.htm)

**LOCAL HEROES**

The author and photographer of two fabulous books featuring 40 "Local Heroes" from the Shepparton area, is now making a book about Bendigo's Local Heroes. This is a really large project which is planned to be completed and published by March 2013.

He has asked students and staff from all Bendigo schools to be involved. Weeroona College has been asked to interview 8 local heroes. A list of possible candidates has been submitted and the team will be meeting in Merin this Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm.

If you would like to help, please come to this meeting. You will meet others from Bendigo schools and learn about interviewing techniques.

Any questions, or to express your interest, please see Ms Toose (in Merin).



### HORSE RIDE FOR CANCER

At the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August, Caitlin G, a Year 10 student from Merin, participated in a horse ride from Bendigo, staying overnight at Heathcote then continuing on to Seymour on Sunday. Caitlin raised \$550 for the fight against cancer from donations and a barbecue that she initiated through her involvement in the Active Leaders elective. She and her horse "Wally" were one of only three who completed the arduous ride. Caitlin is to be commended for her perseverance and dedication to her cause.



## ZEST TEAM

### R U OK? Day - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012

R U OK? Day is a national day of action dedicated to inspiring all Australians to ask family, friends and colleagues, 'Are you ok?' Regularly reaching out to one another through life's ups and downs can prevent isolation and help build a more connected community, which can help end suicide.

At WCB our aim is to raise awareness of R U OK ? Day by encouraging students, parents and staff to take responsibility in reaching out to each other and asking 'Are you ok?' and to create a safe platform for those at risk of suicide to be able to communicate.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the ZEST College Support Team will be running a number of activities to help increase our students' awareness that 'a conversation could change a life' and 'it's ok to say, 'I'm not ok.'

For further information on R U OK? Day please refer to the following website:  
<http://www.ruokday.com.au> or see a member of the ZEST College Support Team.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Weeroona College Bendigo Car Boot Sale**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September open from 8am – 1pm (gates will open at 7am for setup) Knight Street entrance. Entry - \$1 coin donation. Rain, hail or shine! NO Traders, NO refreshment sellers, NO Dogs.

Be quick as limited spaces are available. Bookings are essential. Register by emailing your name and phone contact to [weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Track & Field Athletics**

Are you looking for something to do during the summer? Maybe you would like to try something different from the sport you are participating in. Then why not try athletics with the Bendigo Harriers on Saturday afternoon at the Athletics Track at Flora Hill, Retreat Road from 1.30pm till 4.00pm. Track Season will commence first week in October 2012.

If so, you can contact Ivan Kitt or Kristen Purden at Weeroona College Bendigo or mobile phone 0407 680 590 for more information.