



# WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

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#### Leaders

Bree McKern

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### Learning Advisors

L7A Carolyn Jones

L7B Dianne Andrea

L8A Gary Schroeder

L9A Helen Peppinck

L1A Brian Edebohls

L1B Mark Adams

### Merin

#### Leaders

Tim McInnes

Helen Tuohey

### Learning Advisors

M7A Christine Henty

M7B Jean Stephens

M8A Therese Johnston

M8B Meryl Hayes

M9A Leigh Schroeter

M1A Michelle Griffin

M1B Geoff Dempster

### Wannop

#### Leaders

Justin Hird

Christine Toose

### Learning Advisors

W7A Monica White

W8A Tracey Lee

W9A Ben Lee

W9B Chloe Neath

W1A Sarah Smith

W1B Ronald Llewelyn

Primary Paul Ellis

### Kappen

#### Leaders

Trent Bysouth

Leanne Miller

### Learning Advisors

K7A Marion Stewart

K7B James Ginnivan

K8A Erin Pilkington

K8B Amanda Southcombe /

Kellie Roberts

K9A Christine Edgar

K9B Paul O'Shea

K1A Alan Aylward



## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 12<sup>th</sup> Catch-up Photo Day  
 13<sup>th</sup> Instrumental Music Recruiting - 3.30-7.00pm  
 World Challenge launch meeting – 3:30-5:30pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> WCB Swimming Sports Carnival (Year 7-10)  
 - Bendigo Aquatic Centre  
 School Council Nominations due in  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Conveyance Allowance Applications due in  
 25<sup>st</sup> Immunisation Cards due in  
 28<sup>th</sup> EMA Applications due in

### MARCH

- 18<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting – 7pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> Immunisations:  
 - Year 7 Boys & Girls  
 - Year 9 Boys  
 - Year 10 Boys & Girls  
 20<sup>th</sup> WCB Athletics - Flora Hill Athletics Track

### APRIL

- 15<sup>th</sup> First Day of Term 2

## SCHOOL TIMES

Start 9.00am

Lunch 11.41am - 12.34pm

Recess 1.44pm - 2.05pm

Finish 3.15pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8.15am – 4.00pm

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to what promises to be a fabulous year at Weeroona College Bendigo now that our building program is complete. We hope it is a year for you that is rewarding and fulfilling as we continue the partnership in education with your children and your family. I trust that you have all taken a well-deserved break over the Christmas, New Year period. It is terrific that so many of you committed to the Start Up Day sessions last week and I am sure that you will appreciate the commitment from all WCB staff to personalise the learning for your child/children. Please ensure that you know who your child's Learning Advisor and Learning Community Leaders are and get to know them so that the partnership between home and school is real.



Above: our College Dux for 2012, Anjaly C

### **Learning Advisor**

A Learning Advisor is a teacher who plays a significant role in overseeing your child's education during their time at Weeroona College Bendigo. After a review of this role we have reformed our Advisory groups to coincide with your child's core learning group. This means that each Advisor is responsible for the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of approximately 25 students whom they will remain with over the time that they are at our school.

This allows the learning advisors to:

- Develop a strong relationship with their Advisees.
- Develop a strong relationship with parents.

At Weeroona College Bendigo we believe that your child's education is a partnership between school and home and the learning advisor is the bridge between teachers, students and parents. Your child's learning advisor is the person you should contact first if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning and wellbeing.

### **Learning Communities**

Our school consists of four learning communities and your child/children belongs to one of the learning communities where they will remain for their time at WCB.

### **Welcome New Staff**

I would like to welcome the following new staff to our school:

Ms Kellie Roberts – Mathematics Teacher

Ms Kelsey Sartori – Office Administration Trainee

Ms Melinda Gilligan – Office Administration

Mr Daniel Sharman – IT Trainee

### **Facebook & Twitter**

Our College has an official Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/weeroonacollege](http://www.facebook.com/weeroonacollege) we put lots of information and resources on for their families. I also have a twitter account that you can follow: [https://twitter.com/wcb\\_prin](https://twitter.com/wcb_prin)

## **Possible Stop Work Action on Thursday 14 February**

### **ADVICE FOR PARENTS**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Australian Education Union has scheduled strike **action** for **Thursday 14 February**.

If this action proceeds then the school may not be able to run our normal educational program.

However, the school will be open and your children will be safe and cared for should you choose to send them to school on that day. All students will be properly supervised.

Parents will be notified regarding further details as soon as these are known. Please continue to monitor our school website daily from Tuesday 12 February and we apologise for any inconvenience.

**Interested in being a member of the Weeroona College Bendigo School Council?**

As the new school year begins, we are looking for four parent representatives for our School Council.

**Frequently asked questions.**

- **Do I need special experience to be on school council?** No! What you need is an interest in our school and the ability to work cooperatively with others to help shape its future.
- **Why is parent membership so important?** Parents on councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.
- **If I am interested, what do I do? Download a nomination form from our school website or collect a copy from our General Office, complete and return to the school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

**Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school / school website and must be lodged by 4.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

If we receive more nominations than positions available, an election will be held.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at school. Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be display/posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

| <b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</b> | <b>TERM OF OFFICE</b>   | <b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b> |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Parent member              | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015. | 4                          |
| DEECD employee member      | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2015. | 2                          |

| <b>Weeroona College Bendigo School Council Election Schedule</b>                           |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>EVENT</b>   | <b>DATE</b>                          |
| a) <b>Notice of election and call for nominations via the school newsletter.</b>           | Friday 8 February 2013               |
| b) <b>Closing date for nominations.</b>  | Friday 15 February 2013              |
| c) <b>Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted/displayed.</b>    | Wednesday 20 February 2013           |
| d) <b>Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed.</b>                    | On or before Monday 25 February 2013 |
| e) <b>Close of ballot</b>  | Tuesday 5 March 2013                 |
| f) <b>Vote count</b>   | Wednesday 6 March 2013               |
| g) <b>Declaration of ballot</b>  | Wednesday 6 March 2013               |
| h) <b>Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)</b> | Monday 18 March 2013                 |
| i) <b>First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)</b>       | Monday 18 March 2013                 |

*Leanne Preece*

**Principal**

### **From the Assistant Principals**

Welcome to the beginning of the 2013 school year at Weeroona College Bendigo. It has been an exciting start, as we begin the year with our building works being completed. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I begin my new role as one of the Assistant Principals here at WCB. My name is Jason Bysouth and for the past three years I have been one of the Learning Community leaders in Katylil Learning Community. In my new role as one of the Assistant



Principals, I am primarily responsible for overseeing student Learning, Pathways and Transition and new student enrolments. I look forward to the many challenges that lay ahead throughout the year. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these matters or any others, please don't hesitate to contact me.

As we begin the New Year it is timely to remind students and parents of our mobile phone policy. The use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices (eg iPods) in class can be disruptive to the learning environment of students and therefore is discouraged. Items that are dangerous or likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the whole college and the education of other students can be banned. The college acknowledges that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial for students to have access to a mobile phone and/or other similar electronic device.

### **Guidelines**

- The college expects that all students should have their mobile phones and other similar electronic devices switched off and out of sight during classes. This also applies to school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.
- Students should only use their mobile phones and similar electronic devices before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks.
- There is an expectation that students will display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone.
- In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets.
- In-phone recorders/cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal recorder/camera would be considered inappropriate. Students may be asked to place mobile phones that they have in their possession on the table in front of them when being interviewed by staff.
- Students should ensure that their mobile phones and similar electronic devices are always stored in a safe and secure place. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to personal property brought to school. (Refer DEECD Circular 038/2005)
- Staff to use their professional discretion in regards to the use of mobile phones in classrooms.

### **Actions**

- A student who does not comply with the Policy Guidelines will initially have their mobile phone or similar electronic device confiscated and taken to the Principal. It will be recorded in a 'Register' and remain there until collected by a parent/guardian. A second confiscation will result in the mobile phone or other similar electronic device being posted with reverse charges paid to the student's home address.

- Appropriate action will be taken against any student who photographs, records or films other individuals without their consent or sends harassing or threatening messages. This includes the posting of mobile phone photos on the internet (cyber bullying). This action may include Police notification.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any student/s which is/are caught using a mobile phone to cheat in exams or assessments.
- Mobile phones are used at their owners' risk and school resources will not be used to try to find a lost/stolen mobile phone or similar electronic device.

*Jason Bysouth*

Acting Assistant Principal

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### **It's My School Too**

Weeroona College Bendigo is committed to a whole school program called 'It's My School Too!' The program is built on the following beliefs...

- Everyone has a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.
- The majority of students at Weeroona College Bendigo support this belief AND live it.
- There is power in a majority to make a big difference for the better.
- It's really not that hard to get through a school day without harassing others!

As part of the program, each Learning Community will have their own 'It's My School Too' pledge board to display the names of all students in that Learning Community who have pledged their support to the programs belief statement. This creates a very clear and highly visual reminder to the whole college that the vast majority of students (if not all) do not believe it is OK to bully and harass others.

Students were asked on Start Up Day to commit to the pledge by signing it.

The pledge was-

*"All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed"*

If you have not returned your signed pledge please return it and give to your Learning Advisor.

*Helen Tuohey*

Assistant Principal

**FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...****Start up Day**

Thank you to all families that attended Start up Day. We appreciate your patience in the queues for EMA and the Office. It's a great opportunity for office staff to meet new families and catch up again with returning families.

**Conveyance Allowance**

Application forms for Conveyance Allowance are available at the office, or can be downloaded from our college website: [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au)

WE NOW REQUIRE A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM EACH YEAR FOR EACH STUDENT/FAMILY.

Application forms need to be returned to the Office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please note those students claiming for a public bus pass also need to send in a copy of their receipt in order for their application to be approved.

**Centrepay**

Weeroona College Bendigo is now registered for Centrepay. Centrepay is available for any family receiving a Centrelink payment. You can elect to put a nominated amount into your child's family account held by the college to go towards any school charges ie. Camps and excursions throughout the year. Centrepay is a great way to help families budget for school costs. Application forms are available from the college Office.

**Curriculum Resource Levy**

A number of families have asked for a breakdown of what our College Curriculum Resource Levy covers. While this charge is not compulsory it makes a huge difference, for our college, in how well we can provide resources for all students. We thank all families who have already paid this charge. We understand it is an expensive time of year for you, and appreciate your diligence in paying this so quickly.

Please see below for the breakdown:

**Year 7 & 8 Students**

Maths            \$10.00 (Photocopy sheets & sets of calculators)



|              |                 |   |
|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Science      | \$30.00         | (Photocopy sheets, materials for new equipment & practical experiments)               |
| English      | \$10.00         | (Photocopy sheets & DVD Resources)  |
| PE           | \$30.00         | (Photocopy sheets & Sports Equipment)   |
| Humanities   | \$10.00         | (Photocopy Sheets & DVD Resources)  |
| Arts         | \$15.00         | (Class materials including, paint, clay, Musical Instruments etc)                     |
| LOTE         | \$10.00         | (Photocopy Sheets, Class Materials incl. food, DVD Resources, Subsidise Performances) |
| Technology   | \$20.00         | (Additional cost for materials & equipment for Home Eco, Textiles, Wood, Metals etc)  |
| Sport        | \$10.00         | (Sport Day Subsidies including travel, registration, uniforms)                        |
| Library      | \$30.00         | (Library Books)   |
| Grounds      | \$15.00         | (Maintenance & Gardening)   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$190.00</b> |   |

### Year 9 & 10 Students

As it is a little more difficult for Year 9 & 10 students due to electives, a charge of \$45.00 is spread between the subjects listed under the 'Elective' heading.

#### Core Subjects:

|            |         |   |
|------------|---------|---|
| Maths      | \$10.00 | (Photocopy sheets & sets of calculators)                                |
| Science    | \$30.00 | (Photocopy sheets, materials for new equipment & practical experiments) |
| English    | \$10.00 | (Photocopy sheets & DVD Resources)                                      |
| PE         | \$30.00 | (Photocopy sheets & Sports Equipment)                                   |
| Humanities | \$10.00 | (Photocopy Sheets & DVD Resources)                                      |

#### Electives: \$45.00

|              |                 |  |
|--------------|-----------------|--|
| Arts         |                 | (Class Materials & Equipment - Media, IT, Visual Art, IT, Ceramics, Photography, Music, Dance)   |
| LOTE         |                 | (Photocopy Sheets, Class Materials incl. food, DVD Resources, Subsidise performances)  |
| Technology   |                 | (Additional cost for Materials & Equipment for Home Eco, Textiles, Wood, Metals, VET, CAD, IT, Photoshop, Automotive, Engineering etc) |
| Sport        | \$10.00         | (Sport Day Subsidies including Travel, Registration & Uniforms.)   |
| Library      | \$30.00         | (Library Books)  |
| Grounds      | \$15.00         | (Maintenance & Gardening)  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$190.00</b> |  |

**School Photos – Catch Up Session / Photo orders**

All students are required to have their photo taken even if you do not wish to order photos. Their photo is required and essential in order to issue a Student ID Card. Photo order forms need to be handed in by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The catch up photo session will be next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 – 9.30am in the Dance Studio in the Performing Arts Building.

Any queries regarding the school photos should be directed to Richard Gibbs 0418 507 282.

**New Office Staff**

We welcome Kelsey Sartori and Melinda Gilligan to our college Office. Kelsey will be working on the front desk and Melinda will be on the student entry looking after attendance and First Aid.

Elise will be taking some leave for semester 1 this year also. We wish Elise well on her leave!

**Absences**

If your child will be absent, please call directly to our absence line on 4433 4911 or SMS 0427 016 199. Students who need to leave throughout the day will need a written note from a parent or a phone call to the Office.

**Country Buses**

This year due to the numbers of the school country buses being full, students who are not approved to travel on these buses cannot use them on a casual basis (friends going home with normal country bus travellers). Students who also aren't using their already approved bus place on a continual basis will lose this spot. For more information please contact Mandy Clayton on 5447 7722.

**A Reminder to Parents**

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

**New School Kids Bonus 2013**

Information for parents regarding the changes to the Education Tax Refund for families in 2013, can be found at: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus>

**Awards from 2012**

Any students who received awards last year but have not received their certificate can collect your certificate from the General Office.

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**Parking**

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in 'No stopping' areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.



## 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:**

|                 | <b>Prep</b>  | <b>Years 1 -</b> | <b>Year 7</b> | <b>Year 8 -</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Instalme</b> | \$140        | \$105            | \$210         | \$175           |
| <b>Instalme</b> | \$60         | \$45             | \$90          | \$75            |
| <b>Annual</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.**

**Music, Music Music!**

Hello everyone, especially our new parents and students to the College. All Year 7 and Primary students had a lot of fun on Wednesday listening to and seeing musical instruments up close. They even had a go on some of these instruments for which we offer tuition. We hope they follow through with their enjoyment and elect to learn a musical instrument this year.



Parents were given an information booklet at the WCB Start-Up Day interviews. Please return the reply sheet (on the back) stating which time slot you are likely to attend the recruitment afternoon/evening on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February. The recruitment will run from 3.30pm – 7.00pm. Extra copies of this booklet are available at the General Office.

Senior Band resumed rehearsals on Wednesday morning. We are looking forward to hearing their first performance for 2013.

*Therese Johnston*

School Music Coordinator

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## **DOBSON'S UNIFORM SHOP**

### **FEBRUARY TRADING HOURS 2013**

**As of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 - Resume normal trading**

**Tuesday 2:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Thursday 8:30am – 12noon**

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## **FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE...**

### **Immunisation Film Competition 2013**

This competition is aimed at all Secondary Schools in the Loddon Mallee and is aimed at improving the immunisation rates in secondary school students.

The competition is asking students to create a short digital film promoting immunisation to either year 7 and 8 students or year 9-10 students.

The prizes are \$3000 for the school and \$2000 for the students who created the film. There will also be a highly commended prize in each category for students of \$500.

Early in 2013 I will be sent an information pack designed for schools that will incorporate a DVD that will have 2 sections:

1. A 3 - 5 minute presentations aimed at teachers, school nurses, welfare staff with information. T the students need to know about immunisation as well as some suggested classroom activities.
2. A 1 - 2 minute presentation for students with a short overview of the immunisation. It will also have information on the competition and some suggestions for the kind of content the competition is looking for.

In the meantime I have downloaded and printed out copies of information regarding immunisation. I am more than happy to work with you next year and help design something amazing to present from Weeroona College Bendigo.

### **Medications**

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, it is your responsibility to provide the general office with an up to date Epipen. All Learning Communities will carry a spare Epipen in the event of an emergency. If your child wishes to carry a second Epipen on them (or in their locker or bag) they are more than welcome to do so. We recommend notifying your advisor and learning community leader on Start-Up day.

If your child suffers from Asthma, all communities carry a spare puffer. However, we highly recommend your child has their own puffer and spacer with them, either in their school bag or locker.

### **Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy (any medical condition)**

Weeroona College Bendigo takes individual student illness and medical conditions very seriously. If you have a child that may suffer from one of the medical conditions below it is vital that we are made aware. We have an overall responsibility for implementing strategies and processes for ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of any of these conditions:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Allergies
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Or any other medical condition

Action plans for any medical condition is highly recommended. Some can be found on our school website. Please print them off and then complete them with your doctor's signature.

If you are unable to print off the action plans you require, please see myself (Sarah – School Nurse) or the General Office and copies will be available.

Depending on your child's condition, medication is either kept with your child in their bag or locker. Some medication will be kept in the General Office such as Epipens.

The school website is: <http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/> . All action plans will be under Welfare tab.

### **Immunisations for 2013**

Immunisation dates for 2013 are as follows:

- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013** Year 7 Boys & Girls (Human Papillomavirus & Chickenpox)  
Year 9 Boys (Human Papillomavirus)  
Year 10 Boys & Girls (Boostrix: Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis).
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013** Year 7 Boys & Girls (Human Papillomavirus & Chickenpox)  
Year 9 Boys (Human Papillomavirus)
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013** Year 7 Boys & Girls (Human Papillomavirus & Chickenpox)  
Year 9 Boys (Human Papillomavirus).

All students who are to receive immunisations this year will be given an immunisation consent card on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. **It is vital that all cards are signed (by a parent/guardian) and returned to their advisor by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.** If cards are not signed students will not be able to receive their immunisations.

If you require any assistance with filling out the cards or if you have any questions or concerns in regards to the immunisations, please do not hesitate to contact me on a Monday or Tuesday.

**Sarah Warburton**  
**School Nurse**

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### **SPORTING HOUSE CHANGES 2013**

After consultation with the student body, the college based school community and the broader college community 2013 will see the changing of the Weeroona College Sporting houses. The names Derrinal, Metcalfe, Kimbolton and Coliban have been in existence since 1967 and have served White Hills Technical College, White Hills Secondary College and Weeroona College Bendigo extremely well. These names will be honoured in the college gymnasium with the particular banners hung and on display



With the completion of the new facilities it is an opportune time to align the college based house system with the designated college communities. Consequently, students in the Merin



community will now represent Merin House, students in Katyil community will now represent Katyil House, students in Wannop community will now represent Wannop House and students in Kappen community will now represent the Kappen House.

The colours and symbols of the new houses incorporate the following,

Kappen- Green – Earth

Katyil- Blue- Running Water

Merin – Yellow- Wind

Wannop – Red- Fire

We look forward to the new houses being as successful as the structure which has served the college well in the past, and anticipate new tradition and history to be forged with the alignment of Communities and Sporting Houses.

### **2013 COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERS**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the 2013 Community Sport Leaders.

**MERIN** JUNIOR- Meg R, Luke B  
SENIOR- Lynden B, Samantha I

**KAPPEN** JUNIOR- Molly P, Adam D  
SENIOR- Rhapsody A, Zac S

**KATYIL** JUNIOR- Alanah M, Shaun N  
SENIOR- Sarah W, Tom P

**WANNOP** JUNIOR- Sian B, Bailey V  
SENIOR- Brooke E, Mitch D

### **WCB Swimming Carnival**

The college based Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. Notes will be sent home on Monday. We look forward to an engaging day.

### **Victorian Country Championships**

Students from Weeroona College Bendigo excelled at the Victorian Country Championships conducted at Geelong on the Australia Day long weekend in January 2013. Karly M performed very well and won Gold in the Under 16 Women's Discus and Hammer Throw and 2nd in the Javelin. Illiesa S took 2nd place in the Men's 100 metre hurdles. Illiesa S and Spain N were a part of the Bendigo Harriers Men's 4 x 100 metre relay team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On Thursday evenings at the Tom Flood Sports Centre Weeroona College Bendigo students Spain N, Leone S, Illiesa S and past student Kevin W, have been participating in the Hilson Builders Sprint series heats conducted over 150 and 300 metres. Kevin W and Spain N made it into the final to be held next Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

The Bendigo Bank Dragon Mile conducted by the Bendigo Harriers will be held on Easter Sunday March 31. In the past, students from Weeroona College both individually and as a team have been successful in this event, so keep this date in mind.

The Bendigo Harriers (formerly Bendigo YMCA Harriers) have developed a strong partnership with the College and any new students or present students and families are invited to take part in the approaching Cross Country Season. This will start in April and anyone interested in taking part can see Ivan Kitt at Weeroona College Bendigo for more information or phone 0407 680 590 or Home 5443 6898 after 7.00pm

*Ivan Kitt*

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### **WORLD CHALLENGE**

Weeroona College Bendigo is participating in the WORLD CHALLENGE program in 2014.

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> February there will be a Launch Meeting from 3:30pm – 5:30pm in Kappen Community for those students who are in year 8 and 9 who have signed up to participate in the World Challenge.

A little bit about World Challenge.....

It is **the original school expedition company**. It has over 7,000 students travelling on expedition every year. They have teams embark on challenging expeditions to one of 50

destinations around the world in [Africa](#), [Asia](#), [South East Asia](#), [South America](#) and [Central America](#). They aim to have young people achieve personal and team goals to develop valuable skills for later life, such as teamwork, leadership, problem-solving and communication. Students are taught life skills and they look to expand minds outside the classroom, with expeditions that truly provide a life-changing experience.

We are still happy to take applications if this opportunity sounds like it interests you and you may wish to apply contact Mr Trent Bysouth at the college and feel free to check out their website at <http://www.worldchallenge.com.au/> as it can answer many questions you may have.

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### **Fundraiser for School Chaplaincy**

There will be a fundraiser for School Chaplaincy on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Film: Les Miserables  
Venue: Star Cinema Eaglehawk  
When: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Time: 6pm light refreshments; 6.30pm screening.  
Cost: \$16.00  
Bookings: Bookings & Payment to School Chaplaincy c/- 175 Station St. Epsom 3551 by Monday 18th February. (Phone 5448 3912).

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### **Hockey Come and Try Day!**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 - 10am-2pm

Garden Gully Reserve, Ashley Street, Ironbark. BBQ lunch provided. Drinks available for purchase.

Hooked-on-Hockey (Hockey shop on site)

Coaching clinics for U9's, U11's, U13 & U15's (from 10 - 11:30) followed by a family game and lunch U17's and senior players from 11:30am onwards.

For more information contact: Charlie Walker 0419 946 682 or Nicole Hood 0400 833 203.

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**Eaglehawk Junior Football Club**

Eaglehawk Junior Football Club Registration Day will be held at the football club in Simpsons Road on Sunday February 17th from 11am - 1 pm. This will be for all players from U/9 to U/16 and the Youth Girls Team.

There will be a BBQ lunch available and players who register and pay their fees *on the day* will receive a free membership to the Eaglehawk Football Club which will give entry to all senior home games for one adult. There will also be a boot swap so bring along your old boots that don't fit and swap them for a pair that you can use for the season.

Registration fees for 2013 are U/9's and U/10's \$65, U/12's, U/14's, U/16's and Youth Girls \$115 a single, \$200 for 2 players and \$240 for 3 or more players per family. Payment may be made by EFTPOS, cash or cheque.

All previous players and any new players are welcome.

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**White Hills Junior Football Club**

White Hills Junior Football Club will be holding Registration Day on Sunday 10th February 2013 10am to 12noon and also on Wednesday 13th February 2013 5pm to 6pm at the clubrooms in Scott Street. The club will be fielding teams in the U9, U10, U12, U14 and U16 age divisions. Fees for the 2013 season have been set at: \$105.00 for U9 & U10 players, \$145.00 for U12, U14 & U16 players. Payment of fees on Registration Day would be appreciated. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Kylie Hopkins

Secretary

White Hills Junior Football Club

**Ph: 54483378**

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**Epsom Soccer Club**

Epsom Soccer Club are having their registration day for new and returning players.

**When:** Sunday 17th February 2013

**Place:** Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

**Time:** 3.00pm-5.00pm

**Price:** Non competitive:(U6-U10) \$130.00  
Competitive: (U11-U16) \$150.00

**The entire fee is due on the day of registration.**

Any further information please contact the Junior Coordinator: Robyn Braszell 0488393788  
[robynbras@gmail.com](mailto:robynbras@gmail.com)

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### **Heathcote Football & Netball Club - Under 15 Girls**

Any girls 15 and under who would like to play netball for the Heathcote Football & Netball Club this year can contact Becky Lesser on 0431607776 or [becky.lesser@hotmail.com](mailto:becky.lesser@hotmail.com)  
2013 should be a great netball season!

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### **Zodiacs Netball Club 13 and Under Tryouts**

Zodiacs Netball Club 13 and Under tryouts will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Venue: Flora Hill Stadium

Time: 5-6pm

Any further enquiries please ring Liz Taylor (President Zodiacs Netball Club) on 5485 6273 or 0407 357 797.

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### **Junior Rugby Players Wanted – Come & Try!**

The Fighting Miners are seeking players to fill out its rosters for the Under 16 and Under 18 teams for the upcoming 2013 season.

The Miners are a well established club at the senior level and is the current holder of the Coulter Cup, symbol of supremacy in Victorian country rugby. In its 42 year history, the Fighting Miners have won 12 premierships.

The junior section of the club was formed and fielded its first team at under 16 level two years ago. This was extended to two teams last year when it fielded a joint venture team at the under 18 level in conjunction with the Melbourne Unicorns.

It is expected that the first graduates of the junior program will line up for the Miners' senior team this season. Jack Smeellie, Trent Poloso and Trentin Clampit are currently undergoing pre-season training with the seniors.

Rugby Union prides itself on being a game for players of all shapes and sizes. You do not have to be built with the muscular development of a boxer or possess the endurance of a long distance runner to be able to excel at rugby. Rugby Union is currently undergoing a huge surge in popularity around the world. Its inclusion in the 7s format as an Olympic sport for both men and women in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games has added further impetus to its growth.

Rugby presents an opportunity for young men who relish a contact sport to try out rugby with the Junior Fighting Miners. Pre-season training is currently taking place at the Epsom Huntly Reserve every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00pm.

For further information, contact Alan Wilkinson on 0409 769 848.

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### **North Bendigo Junior Football Club**

Registration Day February 17th (Sunday)

When: 11am - 2pm

Venue: NBJFC rooms.

Contact: Any queries contact Tommy on 0417308490 or [tpnicholson38@bigpond.com](mailto:tpnicholson38@bigpond.com)

Looking forward to another fantastic year!

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