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MARCH
12th | Labour Day Holiday
19th-21st | Year 7 Camp
20th | Immunisation Cards due in
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

WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MY SCHOOL TOO!
“All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.”

Again in 2012, Weeroona College Bendigo will be running our whole school program called ‘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 vast majority of students at Weeroona 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, we will be using our LCD screens in each new learning community to display the names of all students who have pledged their support to the programs belief statement. This is intended to create a very clear and highly visual reminder to the whole community that the vast majority of students (if not all) do not believe it is OK to bully and harass others.

This is a great opportunity for all students to begin the school year on a really positive note, and to encourage everyone to make the most of a fresh start in 2012 and we ask that all parents discuss this very important issue with your child and support us in our endeavour to make our school as safe as we possibly can for everyone.

PARKING
School drop off and pick up can often present serious safety issues if traffic is not managed properly and drivers do not take responsibility for their actions. Parking can be a problem around schools during the start and end of the school day when parents/carers are dropping off and picking up young people. It can be unsafe for our students and can also impact on local residents, staff and other parents who are doing the right thing. Our staff have observed an increasing number of parents parking on school grounds or parking in no parking zones in order to pick up and drop off their children to and from school each day. I would like to remind everyone that only staff are permitted to drive into the school grounds and all parents are asked to drop off and collect children by parking outside the school yard at all times. If parents wish to come into the school, you are welcome to use the visitor car parking spaces in the Napier Street Carpark. I thank you in anticipation of your support with this important safety matter.

YEAR 7 WELCOME BARBEQUE
It was terrific to see many year seven students, their family members and staff attend our year seven welcome barbeque on Wednesday night. Everyone had a terrific evening as we enjoyed some musical items, getting to know each other and a delicious meal provided by our wonderful staff and hospitality class.

For our next function we will be ready to finally try out our new barbeque with thanks to the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise, the Weeroona College Bendigo Parents Club, Student Representative Council and Police Youth Corp groups for their generous funds for this project. We can look forward to a lot more barbeques!

Below: Photos from the Year 7 BBQ

Leanne Preece
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Immunisations – Years 7 & 10
Dates for this Year’s Immunisations are:
26th March - All year 7’s and 10’s
18th May - Year 7 girls
18th September - All year 7’s
- Immunisations sessions begin at 9.30am.
- Permission cards have been sent home with students and are due back at school by Tuesday 20th March.
- 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.

Personal Goods Brought to School
Families are asked to note that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

This includes mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

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 such property.

Out of Uniform
Each Learning Community now has extra items of uniform clothing and shoes that students will be required to swap into for the day, on the odd occasion that they arrive out of uniform.
This is to help ensure that all students are at school in correct uniform.

After School Detention/Catch Up Classes
These classes will run again this year.
Arrangements for After School Detention are -
- Session will run 3.20pm to 5.00pm on Tuesday afternoons after school. Detention is for one and a half hours. Students are expected to be there at 3.20pm sharp. Late arrivals (later than 10 mins) will not be accepted.
- Detention will be in Merin Learning Community.
- One staff member will be there to supervise students.
- All students are expected to have school work to complete. Students may also be given school based work to complete or be asked to complete supervised jobs around the school, e.g. sweeping, rubbish collection, cleaning lockers etc.
- If a student does not attend, they will be asked to attend a review meeting with their parent/s, Learning Community Leader and/or Learning Advisor that week. The student cannot return to school until the meeting has been held. The after school detention will still be expected to be completed the following detention session.
- If a student is disruptive they will be sent home and the student cannot return to school until a meeting has been held (Parent/s, student, Learning Community Leader and/or Learning Advisor that week). The after school detention will still be expected to be completed the following week.

Arrangements for Catch Up Class are:
- Session will run 3.20 to 5.00pm on Monday afternoons after school. Students are expected to be there at 3.20pm sharp. Late arrivals (later than 10 mins) will not be accepted.
- Catch Up Class will be in Merin Learning Community.
- Students will be supervised by staff.
- All students are expected to have their own uncompleted school work to complete.
- If a student does not attend, they will be asked to attend a review meeting with the Parent/s, student, Learning Community Leader and/or Learning Advisor that week. The student cannot return to school until the meeting has been held. The Catch Up Class will need to be completed the following scheduled Catch Up Class session.
- If a student is disruptive they will be sent home and - the student cannot return to school until a meeting has been held (Parent/s, student, Learning Community Leader and/or Learning Advisor that week). The Catch Up Class will still be expected to be completed the following scheduled Catch Up Class.

Parent support is appreciated as we strive to make Weeroona College Bendigo the best that we can.

It’s My School Too/ Personal Excellence Program
Once again the whole school excellence program is being run with the purpose to reward students for exemplary attendance, behaviour and uniform compliance. The program is based around 4 levels:
- Blank on Student ID card
- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

Stickers on Student ID Cards denote levels.

Blank on Student ID:
- For all Yr 7 students.
- For all new students.
- Locker organised.
- Has complete uniform.

Bronze:
- Has:
  - Developed their My Individual Data Plan
  - Uploaded Outlook Electronic calendar onto their netbook.

Silver:
- For one full Semester has:
  - Attendance of over 98%
• No RISC entries for any inappropriate behaviour e.g. Lunchtime study sessions/weekend detentions/suspensions.
• Been in full uniform.

Rewards include from the following:
• Pizza day/Fish & Chips once a term.
• Opportunity to purchase their own lunch at shop.
• Canteen voucher 2 x $5.00 per term.
• Movie voucher- each term.

Gold:
For one full year has:
• Attendance of over 98%.
• No RISC entries for any inappropriate behaviour e.g. Lunchtime study sessions/weekend detentions/suspensions.
• Been in full uniform.

Rewards include from the following:
• Special days out e.g. day trips to places (Luna Park, Zoo, Aquarium, Shopping, AFL games). Once per term and ideally last week of term.
• Out of uniform every fortnight/Friday Week 2-jeans/pants & shoes only (correct shoes to be brought to school and worn to relevant classes e.g. technology).
• Movie voucher- each term.
• Take school bus in to get special treat e.g. McDonald’s* etc twice a term (*e.g. Strathdale Shopping Centre).

Eligible silver and gold students from Semester 2 last year were awarded their certificates at this week’s assembly.

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 now 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.

PARENTS’ CLUB

Brick BBQ/Selkirk Named Pavers
The construction of a new BBQ in the college grounds will be commencing soon with the surrounding area to be landscaped with the Selkirk named pavers. The first order of named paver bricks have already been delivered and the next order to be placed shortly. Any past or present students and staff wishing to purchase their named paver for $30 are encouraged to do so promptly. The order form can be downloaded from the college website. When on home page, scroll down to the news item named Personalised Pavers posted on the 24th of March 2011. Please print off the order form and complete your details to be returned to School with payment.

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Treasurer Mary Mitchell

HELLO FROM ZEST - WEEROONA COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM

Head Lice
There have been a number of reported cases of head lice at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Head Lice are most common among children and their families. If anyone in your family has head lice it is vital that you tell the School, so that they can ask other families to check and treat their family members if needed.

Concentrate on treating the affected person’s head. The only linen that requires specific washing is the affected person’s pillowcase. This should be washed in hot water (at least 60˚C) or put in a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting for 10 minutes.

Finding Head Lice:
Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot as they move quickly. The easiest and most effective way to find head lice, is to follow these steps weekly:

Step 1: Comb hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
Step 2: Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
Step 3: Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
Step 4: Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.
Step 5: If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.
Treating Head Lice:
The two most preferred options for treating head lice are the “conditioner and comb” method and the use of an insecticide. If you choose to use the insecticide method, then speak to your pharmacist about how to use it correctly. The “conditioner and comb” method can be used every second day with the use of an insecticide until no live lice have been found for ten days.

Head Lice Combs:
Head lice combs with long, rounded, stainless steel teeth positioned very close together, are the most effective. However, any head lice comb can be used and are available at your local pharmacy.

Preventing Head Lice:
There is no product available that prevents head lice. However, tying long hair back and checking weekly for lice, using the “conditioner and comb” method can help prevent the spread.

Where to get help:
- Your doctor.
- Your pharmacist.
- School Nurse.

If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse.

Positive Mental Health Poster Competition!!!
SPAN (Suicide Prevention Awareness Network) is holding a poster competition open to the following year levels at Weeroona College Bendigo:

Grade 5 & 6 Year 7
Year 8 & 9 Year 10

The poster must contain either a photo, drawing, cartoon or painting of something that represents “Health or Positive Mental Health”. Examples include:
- What makes you happy?
- How can you make other people happy?
- Who can you talk to?

The following criteria must be included:
1. It must be on A3 paper.
2. The poster must contain the following details:
   a. Lifeline 13 11 14
   b. Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or www.kidshelp.com.au
   c. Beyond Blue Information line 1300224 636
   d. Youth Beyond Blue www.youthbeyondblue.com
   e. Your Local GP or Bendigo Community Health 54300500.
   f. Suicide Helpline (Victorian only) 1300 651 251
   g. Headspace www.headspace.org.au
   h. Reachout www.reachout.com
   i. SANE www.sane.org

All posters must be handed into the ZEST Welfare Team no later than Friday 16th March 2012.
Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and commended and will be donated by Danny Clapp – The Good Guys.
The posters who receive a prize will be placed on display in the foyer of the Bendigo Library from Monday 19th March – Saturday 24th March.
If you have any questions regarding the competition, please do not hesitate to see a member of the ZEST Welfare Team.

Sarah Warburton
School Nurse – ZEST Welfare Team

SPAN Walk
The Suicide Prevention Awareness Network suicide walk on March 24 is designed to allow those touched by suicide to remember loved ones, friends, work or school mates and to raise awareness of the issue of suicide across the broader Central Victorian community. The walk will be approximately 3 km.
9.30am: Registration opens in Dai Gum San Chinese precinct at 1-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo.
$15 with SPAN walk T-shirt. Free with no T-shirt.
10.50am: Official welcoming ceremony.
11am: SPAN suicide awareness walk starts.
Noon: Walk finishes at Dai Gum San Chinese precinct.
12.10pm: Official speeches by guest speakers and Butterfly Remembrance ceremony.
12.20pm: Free sausage sizzle lunch served.
12.20pm: Entertainment provided by Chasing The Ace Youth Band and Victoria Police Pipe Band.
Follow event news at www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au
Sponsorship and general inquiries: Alannah McGregor by email at alannahm@vic.chariot.net.au or phone 0408 541 082.
Leading Senior Constable Neil Crouch, Bendigo Police Station.
By email at neil.crouch@police.vic.gov.au or phone 0409 536 035.

National Youth Week
National Youth Week (NYW) is the largest celebration of young people in Australia.
NYW 2012 is on from Friday 13 to Sunday 22 April with events happening all over the City of Greater Bendigo. The 2012 theme is Imagine, Create, Inspire!
The City of Greater Bendigo is committed to enabling young people to plan, deliver and participate in a wide range of events during NYW.
NYW is an opportunity for young people to:
- share ideas
- attend live events
• have their voices heard on issues of concern to them
• showcase their talents
• celebrate their contribution to the community
• take part in competitions
• have fun!

What's happening now?
The City of Greater Bendigo, Youth Development Team is holding a range of events and projects during NYW.

This includes:
• Seeding Funds to assist groups of young people to put on events. Applications close Friday 2 March.
• Calendar Design Competition to design a calendar of events. Applications close Friday 2 March.
• Calendar of Events to promote all the local events being held around the city during National Youth Week 2012. Entries close Monday 9 April.
• Clips and Flicks Short Film Festival to be held on Friday 13 April.
• Polaroid Project to be launched 16 April with entries closing Wednesday 4 April.

For more information about any of these projects or if you would like a representative from the Youth Development Team to attend your school please contact Nikki Greenway, Youth Development Planner
Ph: 5434 6094 | M: 0409 537 722

- One free child pass to National Sport Museum
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium.
- Plus go in the draw to win Rebel Vouchers and iPads!

Anyone can register, so get your friends and family to take the Challenge too.
Get more active more often, spend quality time together and have fun. It's free, it's easy, and there are plenty of chances to win!

Registeronline:www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challengeor call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school's name when you register.

See Ms Dale for more information

Health Dates:

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FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Science Department is after some 4 litre ice-cream containers. If you have any can you please bring them in to the General Office.

Help our school win $350-$1000 of sports gear!
The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family!

Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19 March – 30 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win. Just by registering you and your family will receive special offers, including:
- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes

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
ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH NEWS

Casey Fields: first race for the year.
25th February, 2012 welcomed the hottest weekend of the Summer. For the Weeroona College Bendigo Energy Breakthrough Team it also saw the start of the 2012 racing season. The first event was the Casey Fields Tri-series, which meant a 5:00 a.m. departure for our eager riders.

On arrival at Casey, it was very clear it was going to be a hot day, contrasted to last year’s downpour. The forecast was a scorching 37 degrees and our riders were preparing for an exhausting effort, despite it only being a six hour race. After setting up and getting the cars ready, it was finally 10 o’clock and the race had started. Nervous energy started to kick in for some of our new riders.

After a very eventful day, the final stages of the race were nerve wracking. It was 3:40pm, with 20 minutes until the end of the race. It was time for Alice Gow to shine in the orange car ‘Ernie’: we were coming first, but due to formidable speed the vehicle overbalanced on a corner and crashed. Now, coming second with the whole team cheering ‘Ernie’ on, we finished second by a mere 6.9 seconds. A fantastic effort by the whole Weeroona College Team!!

Authors: Monique Hassell & Natalie Jacobs

SPORTS NEWS

Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival
Friday March 2nd saw the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival take place at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. Although Weeroona students did not win a great deal of events, I was very impressed with their efforts and behaviour on this day. All competitors competed in their particular event and were willing to help out so they we could fill all of our designated events.

Special mention must be given to Nikalah Spofforth from the Primary area. As a 12 year old, Nikalah was eligible to compete in the School Sport Victoria secondary competitions. Nikalah competed in an excellent manner, gaining 3 second places and a third place. Well done Nikalah. Nikalah was a part of the overall girls team which gained 1st place in the B Division aggregate.

Again, well done to all students who represented the college at the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival.

Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket
Tuesday 6th March saw the Sandhurst Division Year 7 & 8 boy’s cricket competition staged at Catholic College, Junortoun.

WCB played East Loddon in their first game. Weeroona batted first and compiled a competitive 2 for 121 from their allocated overs. Run scorers included Tyler Pitson 29, Trent Davies 14, Tallis Miles 17 not out and Jack Ryan 17 not out. Weeroona were defending a total of 121 and got an early breakthrough from Bailey Goodwin. Weeroona defended in a tight manner and were ultimately victorious keeping East Loddon to a total of 6 for 53. Tallis Miles was the highest scorer with 17. Weeroona bowled exceptional line and length with their bowling making CCB work hard for their runs. Ultimately CCB reached the total, but not without a fight. CCB posted a score of 6 for 54. Wicket takers included Tallis Miles (2), Trent Davies (1) and Tyler Pitson. There were also 2 runouts.

Weeroona’s second game saw it matched against the powerful Year 8 Catholic College team. Catholic College won the toss and elected to bowl, gaining the wicket of Trent Davies off the first ball of the match. Weeroona found it difficult to score against a tight bowling attack, eventually scoring a total of 7 for 53. Tallis Miles was the highest scorer with 17. Weeroona bowled exceptional line and length with their bowling making CCB work hard for their runs. Ultimately CCB reached the total, but not without a fight. CCB posted a score of 6 for 54. Wicket takers included Tallis Miles (2), Trent Davies (1) and Tyler Pitson. There were also 2 runouts.

Well done to all boys involved in the day. All boys were very well behaved and consistently displayed maximum 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.
Also, special mention to the VET Sport and Recreation students who were a valuable resource throughout the day with their umpiring and scoring of several games, not just Weeroona games.

Again well done to all involved in the day.

**UP-COMING SPORT DATES**

**MARCH**

Wednesday 14th (AM) - Athletics (Throwing Events.
Flora Hill Athletics Track)

Thursday 15th – Loddon Mallee Swimming Carnival
- Swan Hill*

Monday 19th – Volleyball (Yrs 9 & 10 Boys Yrs 9 &
10 Girls)*

Cricket (Yrs 9 & 10 Boys)

Tennis (Yrs 9 & 10 Boys, Yrs 9 & 10 Girls)

Friday 23rd – WCB Athletics (Flora Hill Athletics
Track)

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

**BENDIGO HARRIERS**

The Bendigo Harriers (formerly Bendigo YMCA
Harriers) will commence their 2012 Cross Country
season on Saturday 14th April, 2012. The first event
will be conducted from Beischer Park on the corner
of McIvor Road and Crook Street at 2.00pm.

It is a come and try day where you can participate
at the level you wish to, if you want to race, jog or
walk aimed at family involvement.

Any student that is interested in participating in the
energy break through program and isn’t involved in
any sporting activity this would be a good activity to
add to your training schedule improving your fitness
and stamina.

So we would like to invite Parents, Staff or Students
to come along and take part in a family aimed
fitness activity with a BBQ at the end of the day.
Most weeks the day starts at 2.00pm and finished
by approximately 4.00pm.

For more information on the Bendigo Harriers and
Cross Country contact Ms Purden or Ivan Kitt.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Epsom Soccer Club**

Junior Players Wanted (10-16yrs old)

Epsom Soccer Club
Contact: Robyn Braszell, Junior
Coordinator
Ph: 0488 393 788

**School Chaplaincy Trivia Night**

Support Chaplaincy in Schools Trivia Night at the
Eaglehawk Town Hall on Monday 19th March.

Make up a table or 6 people or less. Major and
minor prizes. Admission $12 per person. BYO
Nibbles, Non-Alcoholic drinks & glasses.

Tea & coffee available.

RSVP by 16th March to Jenny on 5448 3912 or
e-mail: bjrains@bigpond.com

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*Shawn McCormick

Sports Coordinator