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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
11th Year 8 & 9 Subject Selection Evening (7pm)
17th Variety Night (7pm)
20th Last Day of Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal

OCTOBER
7th First Day of Term 4
13th Celebration Day (11:30am – 2:30pm)
21st School Council Meeting (7pm)

NOVEMBER
6th–8th Year 8 Camp
22nd Year 10 Exams begin
25th School Council Meeting (7pm)
27th BSSC Orientation Day

DECEMBER
3rd Year 6 Orientation Day
9th Kick Start Week Begins
10th College Awards Evening

SCHOOL TIMES
Start 9.00am
Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm
Recess 1.45pm - 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
Weeroona College Bendigo

Term 3 | 6th September, 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Celebrating the past, present and future
53 YEARS
CREATING BRILLIANCE

New School Opening Celebration, Sunday 13 October 2013 – 11:30am to 2:30pm

We would like to invite past, present and future students, parents, staff and community members to come and help us celebrate our fifty plus years of education and the opening of our fabulous new school.

Weeroona College Bendigo is a 24 million dollar investment in excellence. This is a terrific opportunity to come and see what learning looks like in state of the art facilities and help us celebrate our history at the same time.

Lots of fun activities are planned for all the family including the opportunity to share a BBQ lunch with us, play in the jumping castle, hear cool music, have a family picture taken in the photo booth or take high tea. We hope to see you there.

The official opening ceremony begins at 1:30pm.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Vulnerable Children School Self-Assessment Framework Pilot

Principal, Leanne Preece reported in the last newsletter about our participation in the trial of the Working with Vulnerable Young People: Guidelines for Policy and Practice and the Self-Assessment Framework.

The Framework aims to support improved responses to vulnerable young people aged 10 to 18 and to reduce the impact of disadvantage on our most vulnerable young people through:

- Earlier identification of social and emotional needs.
- An increase in the provision of appropriate and coordinated support.
- Increased educational engagement and attainment among young people at risk of disengaging from learning.

Subject Selection Information Evening for Year 8 and 9 students

On Wednesday 11th September at 7:00pm we will be holding our subject selection information evening for Year 8 and 9 students in the A.T. Dingle Performance Centre. The evening will run through the elective selection process for 2014. Staff from all the different subject areas will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding the electives being offered.

Interim reports

Interim reports are currently being written by teachers to provide feedback regarding student progress for the second semester. Reports will be mailed home late in the last week of this term.

Stay Smart Online Tips

Further tips for staying safe online:

Tip 6- Only download ‘apps’ from reputable publishers and read all permission requests.

Tip 7- Regularly check your privacy settings on social network sites.

Tip 8- Stop and think before you post any photos or financial information online.

Tip 9- Talk with your parents/child about staying safe online, including on your/their smartphone or mobile device.

Tip 10- Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened online- download the Government’s Cybersafety Help Button.

Jason Bysouth & Helen Tuohey
Assistant Principals

MUSIC NEWS

Variety Night

The Weeroona College Bendigo Variety Night is being held on Wednesday September 18th at 7:00pm in the A.T. Dingle Performing Arts Centre. This is a golden opportunity for our students to shine. We have amazing talent at this school and some students are keen to share and show their skills to parents and friends.
We will have small instrumental items, rock band and College band items, singers, choir, dancers, media presentations and students will model the outfits they made in Textiles. Come and support our students. Entry fee for the night will be $5.00 to cover lighting and sound costs. Tickets can be purchased at the General Office or at the door on the night.

**Guitar students**

Fretworks is fast approaching (Sept 16th – 19th). All students who learn the guitar have the opportunity to take part in Fretworks. Forms have been handed out and students need to return them by Friday 13th.

**Presentation Concert**

The Bendigo Colleges Symphonic Band recently took an overnight tour to Melbourne as part of their preparation for the Victorian Schools Music Festival. Students attended performances from Melbourne University and Orchestra Victoria, and also received a backstage tour of both Hamer Hall and the State Theatre.

Their performance at the festival was outstanding and earned them a gold award, recognizing the hard work put in and high standard achieved. On Wednesday 11th September, 7:30pm at the Capital Theatre the end of year Presentation Concert for the Bendigo Colleges Symphonic Band will be held.

Also playing on the night are the Bendigo South East Toccata Band and the Combined Schools Senior Band. Students will present a variety of items from popular repertoire, culminating in a massed performance with all students playing on stage together. Tickets are available from the Capital Theatre, $10.00 adults & $8.00 concession, students are free however you will need to reserve them a ticket when booking your seats. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to Isobel K who is the proud recipient of a scholarship offered by the Melbourne Theatre Company for regional students. She is one of twenty-five students across the state to be selected.

Isobel has the opportunity to receive a weeks’ tuition with professional actors from the Melbourne Theatre Company as well as being provided accommodation for herself and a guardian.

She will attend to live theatre performances – The Cherry Orchard and Men of Steel over two consecutive evenings with dinner provided.

Well done Isobel!

**SPORT**

**Upcoming Sport Events- Term 3 & 4**

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**Year 9 & 10 Basketball Sandhurst Division**

On Thursday 22nd August, the Year 9 and 10 Sandhurst Division Basketball Competition took place at the Bendigo Entertainment Complex. All competitors were excellent in their approach. Both the boys and girls teams won three of their six games throughout the course of the day. Well done to all involved.

**VET Sport & Recreation Guest Speakers**

On Thursday 28th August, the VET Sport and Recreation students took part in a workshop relating to a career path in sport. Steven Oliver, past CEO of the Bendigo Football League and current CEO of the Bendigo Golf Club, spoke to the students in relation to a career in sport administration and the attributes necessary to be successful in this field. Joel Peterson from Fresh 101.5 FM and the Bendigo Weekly spoke to the students about a career in Sports Journalism and opportunities available at Tertiary level for students wishing to explore this field. Both individuals were very informative and we thank them for giving up their time to address the class.
MATHS

On behalf of the staff and students at Weeroona College Bendigo, a big thank you to Lee, Shane and the staff at Brumbies Bakery in Epsom Village Shopping Centre who have sponsored the After School Maths Classes which run on Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Kappen community.

DEADLYSISTAGIRLZ

This semester two of our staff members, Ms McNamara and Ms Neath, have organised for our Year 9 & 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls to take part in the ‘DeadlySistaGirlz’ 10 week program every Monday. This program is part the Wirrapanda Foundation.

‘DeadlySistaGirlz’ addresses the issues of:
- Self-esteem and confidence
- Identity
- Women’s Health
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Healthy Nutrition
- Healthy Relations

The aim of the program is to connect the girls with a friend and mentor to encourage the girls to become great role models in their community and achieve success within their chosen paths and for the Year 10 student’s transition to BSSC. Each girl will be personally mentored throughout the program with the goal to develop confidence and resilience and to believe in themselves to achieve success. This program is a fabulous opportunity for some of our girls.

YEAR 10 2014 RUGBY TOPS

Students in Year 10 at Weeroona College Bendigo in 2014 have the opportunity to purchase a College Rugby top to wear as part of their college uniform.

The design for next year is the same as it has been for the last few years. The cost for Rugby Tops in 2014 is $70.00 to be paid to the General Office with the students order slip. Orders and payment for Rugby Tops will close on Friday October 18th 2013.

Samples for students to try on are available now in the ZEST office. For more information please contact Karen Dale.

COOKS AND KIDS

We won!!!

Congratulations to our awesome team of super chefs: Rhapsody A, Sarah T, Jackson G and Mitch H coached by the fabulous Ms Mandy Southcombe who won the inaugural Bendigo Secondary Schools Cooking Challenge. A top effort from everyone involved.
RAILWAYS CLOSURES

Catching the train to school in term four?
Between Thursday 3 October and Sunday 13 October 2013, buses and coaches will replace trains on parts of the Sunbury, Ballarat and Bendigo lines.

Sunbury: between Albion and Footscray
Ballarat: between Ballarat and Southern Cross Station
Bendigo: between Sunbury and Southern Cross Station

This will enable essential construction works for the Regional Rail Link project – a new rail line that will run from West Werribee Junction to Deer Park, then along the existing rail corridor from Sunshine to Southern Cross Station.

Students are advised to plan ahead and allow extra time for their journey. Travel times may be extended by up to 35 minutes on the Sunbury line, up to 45 minutes on the Ballarat line and up to 60 minutes on the Bendigo line.

Further information about travelling during this period, including bus replacement timetables, will be available from Public Transport Victoria (PTV) in the coming weeks at www.ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007 6am-midnight daily.

MYKI CARDS ON BUSES

From Monday 27th May 2013, the sale and top up of myki cards will commence on buses. Bus drivers will sell and top up MYKI cards. A full fare myki costs $6.00. A concession, child or seniors myki costs $3.00.

If a student purchases a myki on board the bus for immediate travel they must also top up with myki money at the same time. This student will then need to touch on their myki for that trip. Students must purchase or top up their mykis with cash. The minimum top up is $1.00 and the maximum top up is $20.00. EFTPOS or credit cards are not accepted for top up on board buses.

Students with invalid mykis or negative balance- any student who does not have a valid myki (e.g. their myki is defective or cannot be topped up), shall be requested by the driver to purchase and top up a myki on board and directed to a staffed railway station or the PTV Call Centre 1800 800 007 to resolve any issues with their defective card.

If a student presents a myki with a negative balance, the driver will request the holder to top up the myki with sufficient money so it can be touched on for travel.
Bendigo and District State Secondary Colleges’

Combined Student Art Show

OFFICIAL OPENING INVITATION

As the Student Art Show Coordinator I extend an invitation to the official opening of the Combined Student Art Show.

Bendigo and District
State Secondary Colleges’
Combined Student Art Show

OFFICIAL OPENING
TUESDAY, 10TH September 2013

BY Steve Turpie
VISUAL ARTS
La Trobe University
6:30PM

MAC GILLIVRAY HALL
BRIT - McCrae Street Entrance

Tuesday, 10th September to Thursday, 12th September 2013

Public Viewing: 10:00 am to 4:00pm daily
poljak.sheryl@edumail.vic.gov.au
Further information: Phone 54477722

This is the twelfth year that the Bendigo State Secondary Colleges have combined to showcase student artwork from Year 7 to 12.
As always an exciting use of media and talent will be on display including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, multi-media, art fashion and sculpture.

The colleges involved are Bendigo Senior Secondary College, East Loddon P-12 College, Eaglehawk Secondary College, Bendigo South East Secondary College, Weeroona College and Crusoe College
On behalf of the schools represented thank you to the Principals Collegiate for seeing the value in this event as an authentic learning experience for students. This exhibition provides an opportunity for parents and the wider community to be involved with The Bendigo Education Plan Community
Bendigo Regional YMCA

Sept School Holiday Program
BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

If you’re interested in booking your child in to our September School Holiday Program, bookings are NOW open.

With lots of fun activities planned, we’re confident we have something that will interest your child for the upcoming School Holidays.

Head to our website for more information or contact our friendly staff today!

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Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You may be eligible if you:

- have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years or over
- have a child at school, starting next year or study yourself
- have some regular form of income from work (yourself or your partner) including full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal employment.

You could receive up to $500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- excursions and camps
- laptops and notebooks
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

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