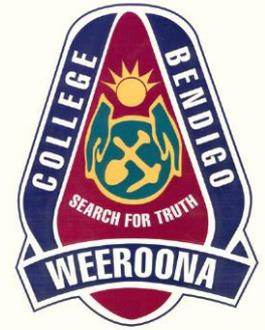


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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS



### February

13th School Photo Make Up Day  
15th Instrumental Music – Come & Try Evening  
17th School Swimming Sports- all students Required

### March

1st Volleyball (Yrs 9&10 Boys Yrs 9&10 Girls)  
Cricket (Yrs 9&10 Boys)  
Tennis (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)  
3rd Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival (Bendigo Aquatic Centre)  
13th Labor Day (no school)  
16th Athletics Day – all students required  
20<sup>th</sup> Cricket (Yrs 7&8 Boys)  
Tennis (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)  
Volleyball (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)  
Year 7 Immunisations  
21st Loddon Mallee Swimming Carnival - Swan Hill  
23rd  
31st Last Day Term 1

### April

18th 1st Day Term 2  
19th WCB Cross Country

### SCHOOL TIMES

Start 9.00am  
Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm  
Recess 1.45pm - 2.05pm  
Finish 3.15pm

### OFFICE HOURS

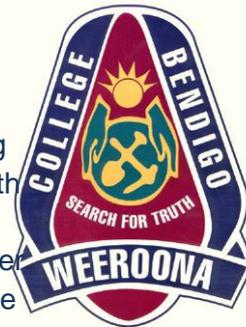
Monday – Thursday  
8.15am – 4.15pm  
Friday  
8.15pm - 4.00pm

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm  
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm  
\*EFTPOS facilities now available \*

### Weeroona College Bendigo Vision Statement

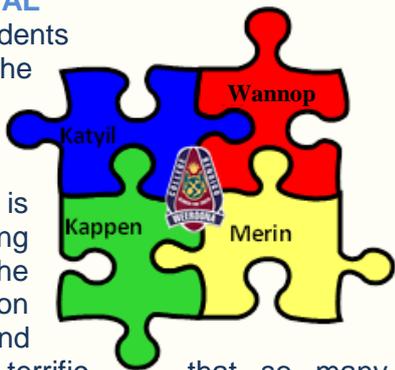
*Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalized according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent; know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence.*



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to the 2017 school year at Weeroona College Bendigo. 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. It was terrific



that so many of you have made arrangements to participate in the Start Up Day conferences 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 strengthened. For those of you that were not able to attend these important conferences, please make a time to meet with your child's Learning Advisor within the next two weeks.

We are RIPIR people at Weeroona College Bendigo

At our first whole college assembly I talked about our College values and our expectations that everyone at our school consistently displays these values in all that we say and do.

Ms Sonya Fergus – who will be sharing the business manager role this year with Ms Nicola Treloar

Ms Christine Edgar - Humanities teacher  
Mr Ben Lee – Mathematics and Science teacher

Ms Sandra Penna – Indonesian teacher

The new Bendigo Flexible Learning Options Program

In 2017 Weeroona College Bendigo will have two campuses. Our main campus on Napier Street and a second campus in a commercial premise in Kangaroo Flat. The second campus will house students enrolled in the new Bendigo FLO program. The Bendigo FLO program is a collaborative partnership between the five Bendigo Secondary Colleges and Kalianna Specialist School that aims to engage learners in both personalised and group learning. It is being established in recognition of the need for an alternative setting for some of our city's young people. Anyone interested in seeking enrolment in this program is asked to contact campus leader, Anton Van Maanen on 0447 538 66.

*Leanne Preece*  
**Principal**

## FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRICIPAL

It has been fantastic to welcome all our returning and all of our new students to the 2017 year at Weeroona College Bendigo.

We began our school year with a whole college assembly, where I spoke to students about the importance of starting the year in a positive manner.

Whether it is a first impression or whether we are to compare the year to the start of a sporting event like football, netball or cricket, the way that we start is incredibly important.

If we were to continue with the sporting analogy, often the way that you start a game is the way that you finish it. This means that you turn up on time, with all of the equipment you need to go onto the field and be successful. If it is a team sport then the uniform that you wear demonstrates that you are part of that team and ready to contribute. You put in place all the training and then when you step out onto that field you are ready to perform and give your very best.

School is no different.

Teachers have now been back since 30th January, busily getting ready to provide students with the opportunity to learn and improve both academically, personally and socially. WCB

### We are RIPIR people at Weeroona College Bendigo

*We Value:*

- R**espect
- I**ntegrity
- P**ersonal Excellence
- I**nnovation
- R**esilience

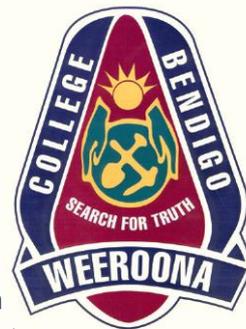


I am pleased to report that we have begun the year with a full complement of staff and I would like to welcome the following:

#### Who's New?

Mr Anton Van Maanen – Assistant Principal – leading the new Bendigo FLO program  
Mr Liam Ireland – Mathematics teacher  
Ms Zoe Hipwell – AUSLAN teacher  
Ms Simone Godfrey – Mathematics teacher  
Mr Chris Blackshaw – College Performance leader  
Ms Sophie Alford – English and Humanities teacher  
Ms Brooke Warren – FLO teacher  
Ms Ariana Te Arihi - FLO teacher

#### Who's Back?



teachers have taken the time to prepare and ensure that all students start in the correct fashion. Staff have been busy preparing learning for all students and preparing to ensure each and every student feels that they belong, can achieve their best and are happy here at WCB.

There are some very simple things that students can do to ensure that they make the right first impression to teachers, fellow students and the greater college community here at WCB.

- Turning up to class on time with all your correct equipment is a fantastic start.
  - This means having all your pens and pencils, your device and correct uniform. These simple gestures are a great way for students to demonstrate that they are here at school ready to learn and do their very best.
- This is an opportunity for students to have a fresh start if they have not been happy with

the way school has gone for them so far or continue the positive experience that school should be.

- I also spoke to students about the types of behaviours that I did not want to see and that would not be tolerated. I addressed what I see as three key antisocial behaviours.
- In order for students to be successful it is important that I am clear about my and all of teachers expectations about the types of behaviours that are unacceptable here at WCB.
- Inappropriate mobile phone use
- Unless otherwise instructed by the classroom teacher, it is College policy 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.
- A student who does not comply with the policy guidelines will initially have their mobile phone or similar electronic device confiscated by the classroom teacher and given to the Learning Community Leader to keep until the end of the day.

#### Smoking

- Smoking at school or any government building or grounds is actually illegal. It is also illegal to smoke within 10 metres of the entry to a government site (this includes schools).

- Smoking is against school rules (this includes before or after school and includes the shop).
- If you are caught smoking or in the presence of smokers, then you will be deemed to be smoking at
  - It is not my job nor your teachers job to determine exactly who is doing what with respect to this issue. You are in control of what you do and who you are around. Therefore if a teacher forms the belief that you are smoking or with smokers then you will be subject to the following set of consequences:
    - This is your warning so there are no more second chances
    - Your parents will be phoned.
    - You will complete an afterschool detention with me on a Friday after school.
    - If you are caught smoking or in the presence of smokers a second time
    - Parent meeting
    - You will be suspended, with the expectation that you will complete a healthy living assignment which you will present to your community upon your return to school.

#### Language

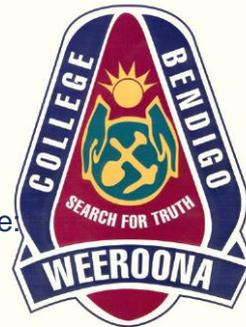
That way that we communicate with each other is extremely important.

I get really disappointed when I am moving around the school and hear students speaking poorly to each other.

I have asked teachers to ensure that students using poor language, which includes swearing, put downs etc. to be challenged about this poor language (and a consequence out in place) to help remind you that this is not acceptable and improve the chances that you will not act like this in the future. The information that I provided to students at the assembly was not intended to be a negative start to the year. Instead it was me and all teachers being really clear about our basic expectations to ensure that all students can make a positive start to the 2017 school year and to help ensure that everybody is clear about what sort of things it takes to be successful for the school year.

Now just over a week in to the year, I must say that I have been very impressed with the start that the college community has made. I look forward to working with students, staff and parents throughout the year to ensure that each and every student achieves their personal best.

*Jason Bysouth*  
**Assistant Principal**



## FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

### School Photos Monday 13th February 2017

We have booked a makeup session for students who did not have their photo taken during Start Up Day Interviews. All students are required to have their photo taken.

Students are required to be in full school uniform. If you wish to purchase any photos, please contact MSP Photography to arrange payment.

No payments will be taken at the General Office

E ballarat@msp.com.au

Ph (03) 5333 5577

Visit us online at [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

### School Swimming Sports Friday 17th February 2017

School Swimming Sports will be held on Friday the 17th February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours with pride and compete in a variety of "in water & out of water" activities to earn points for their house and hopefully be the winning house overall for the day.

Students are reminded to "Slip Slop Slap Sunscreen Sunnies and Shade".

Payment and permission slips are only available on Compass. Please ensure full payment and permission slips are completed by Thursday 16th February.

### ICT Acceptable Use Agreement

Reminder to ALL students & parents that they are required to sign a new ICT Acceptable Use Agreement for 2017.

These were in Start Up Day Packs and at Start Up Day Interviews, if you have not yet signed the new agreement, please come to the General Office and collect one.

It is a requirement that all parents and students sign the agreement as this will allow access to the schools network.

### 2017 Conveyance Allowance

Application forms will be available from our website: [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au) or from the General Office. We require a new application for each eligible student, (siblings are able to be on the same form), and the receipt of their ½ yearly or full year pass.

Applications close on the 3rd of March 2017

### Student collection during school hours

Weeroona College Bendigo will only allow students to be collected by their parents (subject to any specific court orders) or by a person who has been authorised by the parents to pick up their child. If the authorised person collecting the child is not known to the school verification of identity using suitable photo identification (such as a drivers licence) must be sighted by school personnel.

Schools are required to record the details of when a student has been collected early from school including the:

- Date and time
- Reason for collection
- Person who received the child

(including this person's signature)

In order to meet this requirement it is essential that all WCB students are signed out through the General Office. Students will not be given permission to leave the school grounds to attend the shop during lunchtimes.

## SPORTS NEWS

We look forward to an engaging year in relation to the college based sports program. As all should be aware, permission notes for sporting events are now allocated in the Compass system. It is important that students and parents alike are aware of this.

We actively encourage students to be involved in sports which are held throughout the course of the year. Notifications for meetings and events, will be posted on the Compass system. Students wishing to be involved need to ensure that they go to advertised meetings as logistically we need to field teams early for the convenors of the particular event.

A 2017 Sports calendar has been posted on the College website and each terms event will also appear on the College based newsletter.

We look forward to a rewarding year.

*Shawn McCormick*

**Head of Sport**

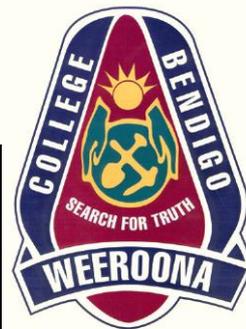
## WELLBEING

Hi all,

Welcome back for 2017! This year the wellbeing team want to thank a different staff member in each issue of the newsletter simply for the work they do to make Weeroona College Bendigo the great school it is.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

First up for the year, we would like to give a big thankyou to our Pathways and Work Experience extraordinaire Linda Quarrier. Linda has established great rapport with local providers of work experience to ensure that our Year 10 students are matched with the best possible employers. Often this has led to ongoing employment for our students. She also works tirelessly to ensure all our Year 10 students who are graduating from WCB are linked in with further educational opportunities. Despite her busyness,



Linda is always happy to chat to our students about advice for their careers.

Linda, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your great work in supporting our students at WCB. Well done on the brilliant job you do!!

Keep your eyes peeled for the next 'big thank you' in next month's newsletter.

From the WCB Wellbeing Team ☺

9	Seismology	Monday 27/3, Tuesday 28/3
10	Hydrogen Future Fuel	Tuesday 2/5, Wednesday 3/5

Further information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

### CAMPS PROGRAM 2017

This year the College Camps Program will all be running in the same week. Beginning September 4. Camps are an integral part of the curriculum and we have aligned them with the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities and the general themes that are associated with them. Students who do not wish to attend a camp for their respective year level will still be participating and completing work on these themes through activities, excursions and other developed tasks while at the College.

While each camp itself is not compulsory, College attendance is compulsory as any other school day.

Camps for each year level and the capabilities associated with each are listed below;

Year 7 PGL Campaspe – Personal and Social

Year 8 Surf Camp (Lorne) - Ethical and Physical

Year 9 Melbourne Experience (Arts Connect 9) - Critical & Creative Thinking

Year 10 Sydney – Intercultural

Further information for camps at each year level will be mailed out soon and please keep an eye out on compass for upcoming events.

*Trent Bysouth*

**Leading Teacher**

### EARTH ED

This semester, all students will have the opportunity to travel to Ballarat for the day and participate in the Earth Ed program.

The key themes that students will be investigating link directly to the Science and Humanities curriculum. The topics and dates are as follows:

Year Level	Topic	Dates
7	Wind Turbine Design	Wednesday 29/3 and Thursday 30/3
8	What's a Watt?	Tuesday 14/3, Wednesday 15/3



*Jemima Albrecht*

**Head of Humanities Learning Area**

### MATHS PATHWAY

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing to you to inform you of some changes that have taken place in the Maths learning model here at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Over the course of 2016 we trialled the use of a Maths learning website called Maths Pathway that we have now committed to using across all classes here at WCB moving into the future.

Some of the benefits we strongly believe this will bring include:

- Student instruction at a highly precise point of need.
- Ability for students to access the entire (appropriate) breadth of the Math Curriculum at any one time.
- More detailed, accurate and frequent collection of data than ever before. This includes a greater degree of ease in parents/guardian access to this data.
- Ability for students to take greater responsibility for their own learning.
- Built in features that encourage student self-reflection and critical analysis of thinking. These two skills are essential to productive learning.
- A focus on student growth, meaning all students can excel no matter what their existing Math knowledge entails.

There are some aspects that I would like you to be aware of, or things you can do at home that will help your child maximise their growth.

- Maths Pathway is a web-based program so a working device at school is essential.



Internet access at home is great but not essential.

- Despite the program being web-based students are instructed to work in their Math books, you can still go through their books with them occasionally
- Focus on your child's growth, we cannot change the past, only how much we accomplish in the future.

Finally, with the change of learning model and the simultaneous introduction of the Victorian Curriculum you may notice a difference in your child's reported Maths levels. With the use of Maths Pathway we are collecting more information than ever before about the scope of all our students Mathematical understanding. As such we have a high level of confidence our reported levels are as accurate as they have ever been.

If you have concerns about the level being reported for your child, or any other aspect of Maths education here at WCB, please contact your child's Maths teacher or myself.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to read this important information.

Kind Regards,

*Matthew Reeves*

**Head of Mathematics Learning Area**

#### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRYOUT DAY**

We had a hugely successful "Instrumental Tryout Day" in the Performing Arts Department on Wednesday 8th Feb. In a 70 minute session over one hundred and thirty Year 7 students each got to try fourteen different instruments and watch the Instrumental Music Teachers Staff Band demonstrate their instruments to the tune of James Brown's funk classic, I Feel Good with the charismatic Mr Luke Freeman on vocals. So far the hottest instruments are Guitar, closely followed by Percussion with the Clarinet being the third most popular instrument. All the Year 7 students that participated should be highly praised on their excellent behaviour and manners displayed. We're hoping for a big turn out to the Instrumental Information Night which is happening on Wednesday 15th Feb (next Wednesday) from 7pm in the Performing Arts Department. Students, and even parents can have a more thorough go on their preferred instrument and both students and parents will have the facility to ask as many questions to the instrumental music teachers face to face in a one on one setting. Thanks and hope to see you there.

*Chris Blackshaw.*

**College Performance Leader**

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