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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

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## 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

New Pedagogies for Deep Learning Project (NPDL)
As one of 1000 schools across ten countries to be selected to participate in this three year project, Michelle Griffin, Jason Bysouth and myself attended the Victorian launch of this global project in Melbourne recently. Of particular note for me was a presentation by John Hattie from which I took away the following main messages:

- The importance of having a balance surface and deep learning in the classroom.
- Our involvement in the NPDL project will encourage us to look at what our balance is now and what would we like to it be.

Through this project we are fortunate to have access to some fantastic resources and presenters. Since the launch, Michelle and Mark Adams have attended a three day Project Based Learning Master class with Gary Stager where they spent time making connections between hands-on, minds-on learning, the role of the teacher as a researcher as well as focusing on the details and specifics of implementing and sustaining problem-based learning in our classrooms. Some exciting possibilities as we plan for this type of learning at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Koorie Support for students at WCB
Newly appointed Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO) Jade Hudson-Morgan has joined Wayne Webster as our KESO team at Weeroona College Bendigo. Wayne is currently on leave but Jade has started and we look forward to both of them working in our school to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for our students through the support they can provide.

Preliminary NAPLAN Data
The following preliminary NAPLAN results have been made available to us:

- Writing Criteria Report.
- Item Analysis Report.
- Student Response Report.

This is much earlier than usual and these reports are all based on raw scores. Scales scores and sub-group data will not be provided with this release. All other reports will be released in the week commencing 1 September 2014. Our leadership team has already begun analysing the Mathematics and English item analyses reports to determine what areas we need to focus on next.

China Trip
We have five Year 8 Weeroona students travelling to China with a group from Crusoe College and Bendigo Senior Secondary College during the last week of the next holidays and the first week of Term Four. Thanks to Vern Hardie who will be accompanying the group. A fantastic opportunity for everyone involved and we look forward to hearing of their experiences when they return.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WCB mobile phone policy

It is timely for us to remind students and parents/guardians of our mobile phone policy (below is the schools policy). I would also request that parents do not ring or text students during class time, expecting that they will be able to answer or respond. It places our students and teachers in a very difficult situation that could result in unnecessary conflict and distress.

Rationale
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 school and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to personal property bought 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 who 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.

**Year 8 and 9 Subject Selection Information Evening**

I would like to thank parents and staff that attended our elective information evening last Wednesday night. The evening was very well attended, with some fantastic questions and wonderful support and guidance being offered to our students. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate contacting the college. A reminder that the **due date** for elective preference sheets is **Wednesday 27th August**.

Jason Bysouth  
Assistant Principal

**SPORT**

**Sandhurst Division Primary School Netball Carnival**

On Thursday 7th August, the Loddon Mallee Division Primary Netball Carnival took place at the Golden City Netball Complex. Over 400 Primary aged girls participated from the Loddon Mallee Region. We had 25 WCB girls who umpired the competition throughout the course of the day. They all did an excellent job and were fine ambassadors for the college. Special thanks to Miss Lee and Bree P (VET Sport and Recreation student) for their organisation of the girls involved.

**Upcoming Sport Events**

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**MUSIC**

The Variety Night Concert is being held on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.00pm in the A.T.Dingle Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are available at the door and are $5.00 per person or $20.00 for a family of 5.

There will be performances by our Junior and Senior Bands, Rocks Bands, Weeroona Voices, Dance items, String Ensemble, Instrumental Music students and solo singers.

We hope you can join us to celebrate the talent we have at Weeroona College Bendigo.

**FROM THE STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM**

**Self Esteem**

Getting to know yourself and having a good look at all the things you like and don't like, are good at and not so good at, and accepting all of these, can help improve your self-esteem. This is a great start towards feeling happy with yourself and where you are right now. Because that's who you are!

Other things that can help include:

- Celebrating your successes - take the time to reflect and feel good about even the smallest of successes. Give yourself credit for the things you do well and for the accomplishments that you achieve. Be proud of yourself.

- Surrounding yourself with good friends - keep company with those who you feel good around. Friends will support your achievements, will be happy for you when you do well, and will help you see the positives about yourself.

- Being a good friend yourself - try to help your family and friends see the things they do well and take time to celebrate their successes and happiness with them.
• Going easy on yourself - reflect on the things that didn't turn out quite so well. Don't beat yourself up about them, but try to find a way of doing things differently next time. Use each opportunity as a chance to learn how to do something better.

• Doing what you love - enjoy the things you like doing, whether they are artistic, musical, sporty, social or intellectual. Make sure you fit in some quality time for the things that you want to do.

• Trying new things - you will never know what you can achieve until you try. Even if you are not great at something the first time around, you will nevertheless have learnt something new in the process of giving it a go.

• Being able to walk away - when you find yourself in an uncomfortable position that threatens your self-esteem, consider walking away. This isn't always possible - it might be a school or family obligation that you can't get out of. However, if you can remove yourself from a situation, it might be worth it. For example, you may be around people who make you feel uneasy or you could be witnessing something that challenges your self-esteem in a negative way. Consider if you really are obliged to stay around or if you could simply take yourself away from the situation.

• Enjoying special times - take time to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special holidays with friends and family. Feeling connected to others and happy in your important relationships is a big contributor to feeling good about yourself.

• Accepting yourself for who you are - this might be easier said than done, but it is a key to boosting self-esteem. Know that you will be better at some things than others and give your attention to the things you do well rather than what you don't do so well. Also remember that inner strength comes from trying and learning, doing your best, and sticking to what you believe in - it doesn't come from doing things right every time.

• Working out what is really worth caring about - just being able to say 'So what?', 'It doesn't matter today', or 'I don't need to care about that', can relieve a lot of pressure and worry.

"The most important opinion you have is the one you have of yourself and the most significant things you say all day are those things you say to yourself".

Julie Nicol
Student Wellbeing Team Leader
An important cybersafety message

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

Funded by the Victorian Government, eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au
“INSIDE OUT” ~ A Moronga Sistaz Project
Leadership, Culture, Language, Inspiring Change

A Fundraiser to assist 7 of our Indigenous Girls to get to Broome in September for a Cultural & Well Being Exchange
Thursday 28th August
6.45pm
Star Cinema Eaglehawk
$20 for Jersey Boys and supper (Conversations, Door Prizes, Raffles)
Please make bookings to me
Suze Radford 0439 391 821
A DAY OF WEAVING
Weaving taught by a group of local Aboriginal women.

Karrang Kunga Centre
(Language Centre BSSC)

Presents

Saturday 6th September
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Come and join us at the Karrang Kunga Centre at Bendigo Senior Secondary College for an amazing day of learning to Weave by local women.
Lunch is provided (soup, bread, cakes and slices & tea and coffee, door prize, raffle, great conversations.)

Tickets are $20 or $10 with Concession
Please contact for catering purposes by Wednesday 3rd September: Steph Armstrong
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