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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
13th Elective Information Evening – Year 8 & 9 Students – 7pm
15th Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
20th Year 9 Arts Connect Excursion

SEPTEMBER
3rd Variety Night- Performing Arts Building – 7:30pm
15th Fretworks Music Camp
19th Last Day Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal

OCTOBER
6th First Day of Term 4
29th Bendigo Cup Holiday

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
*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

Student Leadership
As always another fortnight has come around and I have enjoyed reflecting upon the terrific leadership skills that so many of our students consistently demonstrate.

Throughout the week I met with a group of impressive, year nine girls who are planning a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for the 40 Hour Famine Appeal. Stay tuned for more information on how you can support this fun activity.

This week I received a letter from the leader of the Bendigo Primary Schools Physical Education Committee who made the following comments: “I am writing on behalf on the Loddon Mallee Football Carnival to thank your College for their wonderful support of our 2014 Football Carnival. The assistance provided by Mr Shawn McCormick and Mr Alan Aylward was outstanding as they provided 16 College Umpires for the day. The students were a pleasure to deal with and did a great job when umpiring. You should be very proud of your students as they are a credit to your College. Your College’s assistance is very much appreciated and we would like you to convey our thanks to the above mentioned people.”

We have a group of five year 8 students, along with Leading Teacher Mr Vern Hardie, preparing to travel to China as ambassadors for our school, along with students and staff from Bendigo Senior Secondary College and Crusoe College in October this year.

There are four Year 10 students participating in the Bendigo Young Writers Festival later this week. I have seen their work and they are to be commended for their talent and creativity.

Over the past few months our newly formed debating team has been participating at interschool events and teacher Ms Carolyn Jones has commented on their commitment and improvement.

Congratulations to two of our students whose project ‘Systematic Annihilation’ has made it through to the Young ICT Explorers final judging in a few weeks’ time in Melbourne.

Preventing Sporting Dental Injuries
Dental injuries can be an unpleasant and costly experience for students. We would like to remind parents and students of the benefits of wearing mouthguards and other protective equipment and encourage you to consider providing your child/children with the appropriate protective equipment that they can wear when they are involved in physical activities that may carry a higher risk of contact.

The Australian Dental Association recommends that individually fitted mouthguards should be worn, checked every 12 months for optimal fit and protection, and stored in a rigid container away from heat to maintain shape.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WCB is hosting an exchange student during Semester 2
Weeroona College Bendigo has welcomed an exchange student this term. Her name is Manon and she is from France. By hosting students, we are giving young people of different nationalities the opportunity to become acquainted with another culture, its language, heritage and values. It also provides our students with the opportunity to learn from the students on exchange about their language and culture. By placing international students into our school we are providing the opportunity for them to participate in the day-to-day lives of young Australians and create a greater understanding of individual and cultural difference. We very much look forward to getting to know Manon better.

Year 8 and 9 Subject Selection Information Evening
We would like to invite all our current Year 8 and 9 students and parents to a Subject Selection Information Evening at Weeroona College Bendigo regarding the elective subject selection process for 2015. This will be held on Wednesday 13th August at 7:00pm in the A.T. Dingle Performance Centre. Staff from the different subject areas (Science, The Arts, Technology, Languages, Physical Education, Humanities and English) will be available to answer any question regarding the subjects being offered.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal
SPORT

Upcoming Sport Events

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Year 8 Sandhurst Division Football Carnival
The Year 8 Sandhurst Division Football Carnival took place at the Epsom Recreation Reserve on Thursday 30th July. The boys teamed well throughout the course of the day winning two of their four games.

Congratulations to Jack B who was selected as the Weeroona College Bendigo player of the carnival. Well done to the VET Sport and Recreation students who provided excellent assistance in helping co-ordinate the day.

SCIENCE

Beneath Southern Seas Presentation
Recently all Year 7 students had the opportunity to hear from George Evatt, an award winning underwater filmmaker who has had documentaries screened internationally on the National Geographic Channel.

The students have studied classification and food webs this year and it was great for them to be able to listen to someone who has worked successfully in this field. George presented a fascinating journey of the diverse and beautiful marine life in Australian coastal waters. This included his film with 100 different sea creatures as well as specimens and a discussion of human effects on the marine world.
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

Friends Facts
Who are friends?
Friends are often an important part of our lives. Our friends are usually people we trust and respect. Like any relationship, friendships generally require work and making changes to the friendship is not uncommon. It may not be easy to maintain friendships and sometimes friends disappoint you. This can make it difficult to work out who your friends are. Listing what makes a good friend may help you do this. Sometimes trusting your gut feeling about something may also help answer the questions you have.

Managing arguments
Communicating well can make for a strong relationship. Sharing ideas and opinions with each other is part of having a friendship. Holding different ideas is normal and these differences may lead to arguments. You may feel hurt, disappointed, angry, sad or lonely when you disagree with a friend. These feelings may make it difficult to manage the argument.

Working through a disagreement may make the friendship stronger. Some suggestions for helping to resolve an argument and disagreement with friends may include:

Wanting to stay friends
Wanting to understand and accept the differences gives you a place to start. Doing this still allows you both to have to different opinions, however through understanding each other you may be able to agree to disagree.

Speak to your friend
Letting your friend know how you feel may be helpful. Keeping stuff to yourself may make you more angry. It is a good idea to speak to them when you both feel calm. It may help to write down your thoughts before talking, this may help you to be clear about what you want to say. Talking to someone else you trust can also help you to work out how you are going to approach your friend. People you could talk to may include another friend, a family member or youth worker. If you decide to talk to someone, try focusing on how you feel rather than what the friend has done or said.

Listen to your friend
Allowing your friend to tell their side of the story and really listening to them may be helpful in managing the argument. It may be tempting to interrupt, but instead, try and wait until they have finished.

Try to avoid blame
When you are hurt and angry it can be normal to want to blame someone. Laying blame may make a situation harder. To avoid laying blame it may be helpful to stay focused on how you feel.

Ending a friendship
Over time your interests may change, which can mean you have less in common with your friend and ending the friendship may be the best thing for you. When a friendship ends it may involve several people and it may be difficult to stay part of a group.

This may be lonely and it can take time to move on. Talking to someone you trust like another friend, family member, youth worker or counsellor may be helpful.

CAREERS NEWS

Bendigo Tafe Open Day
Everyone is welcome at the Bendigo TAFE Open Day on Sunday 17 August, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Information sessions, tours and demonstrations will be held throughout the day. Come along and find out how Bendigo TAFE can help you with your career.

See the following link for more information. http://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/openday/Pages/default.aspx

BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB

Junior Registration Night
The Junior Registration night will be held on Friday 15th August 2014 from 4.30pm to 6pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms, Neale St, Kennington.

Fees for 2014 are:
Under 10 to 18 - $70.00 or,
Family (2 or more juniors) $120.00

New and past players are most welcome; come and meet the coaches.

New online registration open on 9th of August, visit our website below for fast, easy convenience. Recommend to register before the 15th. Online payment preferred.
MONDAY LADIES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Bendigo Monday Ladies Netball Association is looking for players, teams or umpires to participate in our Monday morning competition at Bendigo Stadium during school terms. A free crèche is provided and all abilities are catered for. For more information, please phone Marge on 5443 7379.

WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB

White Hills Cricket Club is holding its Junior Registration Day on Friday 15th August, 2014 from 4pm until 5:30pm at the Scott Street Clubrooms.

We can cater for beginners to Under 16’s.

Please contact the Junior Coordinator, Rob Lowes, for further information on 0439 063 348 or roblowes35@bigpond.com.
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The City of Greater Bendigo is developing an Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy (ITLUS) to better plan for how the city will grow and how people and goods will move within it in the future.

Development of the Strategy has reached a pivotal stage and the City invites you to be a part of this exciting new chapter in Greater Bendigo’s history.

Learn about the ITLUS and be part of the discussion. Bring your kids too, they will be entertained with free activities while you hear from renowned experts:

Andrew Wisdom - Director of Distilled Wisdom
Andrew has addressed a wide range of transport and urban development challenges throughout his 30-year career. As Director of Distilled Wisdom, he believes the way we use our cities needs to change if they are to flourish into the future and meet the needs of all residents to live long, healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.

Dr Paul Tranter - Associate Professor at the University of New South Wales, Canberra
Dr Tranter’s research has made a pioneering contribution in the areas of child-friendly environments, active transport, and healthy and sustainable cities. His paper Active Travel: A Cure for the Hurry Virus discusses the dilemma of travelling faster in order to cope with everyday time pressures and how this can lead to a loss of time, money and health. His work also focuses on creating communities for children and busy parents.
Families attending the public forum will need to register their children to attend the free fun activities (suitable for children aged 3 – 12 years).

To register or for further enquiries:

Email    strategyunit@bendigo.vic.gov.au
Phone    (03) 5434 6148
For all updates and relevant documents, visit: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/transportplanning
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
THURSDAY
28th August

“INSIDE OUT” ~ A Moronga Sistaz Project
Leadership, Culture, Language, Inspiring Change
A Fundraiser to assist 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
Wednesday 13 August, 2014 at the Marian Centre, Catholic College, Barkly St. Bendigo.

Free community event for youth aged 14-20 years. Family members, Elders and carers all welcome.

Bookings not required. Catering between 4.00pm and 4.30pm. The play commences at 4.45pm.
Spinal Cord Injury Appeal

Bendigo Exhibition Centre  
Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November 2014  
6.45pm Start

Tickets - $50.00 each or $450.00 per table of 10  
includes finger food. Drinks at bar prices.

FEATURE EVENTS:

FLAIR RIDERS
Action Sports Freestyle Team
and
see Victoria’s fastest and best Shearers in action

Plus a Major Auction + Silent Auction + Raffles, Raffles, Raffles and lots of prizes

Contact 0417 895 166 for tickets or details.

Email: lifeisbeautiful@f97.com.au or

Facebook - Foundation 97 Ltd

Providing essential specialized sporting equipment and education to non-funded Spinal Cord Injured individuals.
Gonski and Weeroona College Bendigo

At Weeroona College Bendigo we are committed to ensuring every student gets a high quality education. That is why we welcomed the decision last year by the State Government to sign a six year Gonski agreement with the Federal Government.

Based on the recommendations of the landmark Gonski Review, that agreement means more targeted funding for schools over six years, starting in 2014.

The size of the increase depends on the needs of students at a school and what is required to give each one of them a high quality education into the future.

For our school the Gonski funding is long overdue. We need the full funding over the next six years to help us improve teaching and learning at our school and to put in place the additional programs and support that will make such a difference in the lives of students.

How the Gonski funding will help children at our school

This is a once in a generation opportunity to lift the quality of education children at our school receive. Our plan is to:

- Put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs and provide one on one assistance to students at risk of falling behind.
- Increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it – such as those with disabilities or special learning needs.
- Take a whole-of-school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers
- Provide extension programs that will help teachers really push our smartest students to do even better
The threat to our plan being fully implemented

Under the Gonski agreement, schools should receive higher amounts each year until they are judged to be adequately resourced.

There are significant threats to our plan being implemented at both the federal and state level.

The Abbott government wants to break the agreement and not pay any of its share of the additional funding in years five and six. That means our schools would be denied the largest increases, due after 2017, which are essential if we are to fully carry out our plan. The cut in federal funding is equivalent to an average of 6 teachers lost for every public school annually in 2018 and 2019.

While the Victorian Government has stated they are committed to the full six years of the agreement, there has been no transparency around what additional funds are available to state schools in 2014. While the federal government has provided documents indicating they have provided in excess of $100 million additional funding to the State, most schools report that they have not been provided with additional flexibility in their school budgets.

Unless the Abbott Government reverses their cuts and the Napthine government ensures the additional money is provided to schools, it will be impossible for us to provide the additional learning support we need, and that was identified by the Gonski review as essential for improved educational outcomes in Australia.

Quite literally, the quality of education every student receives at Weeroona College Bendigo depends on this funding.

Parents – we can stop these cuts

Principals, Teachers, support staff and parents need to work together to stop the politicians in Canberra from taking away this opportunity to give all kids in Australia a better education and to hold our state government to account for delivering any additional funding.

Parents should also take any opportunity to speak with their local state and federal politicians and candidates for elections to highlight the importance of the Gonski money to their school and children.

Say "NO" to the education cuts, so we don’t have to say ‘no’ to kids in the future.

Please visit the campaign website (www.igiveagonski.com.au) to find out more. With just one click you can register your support and help join the growing number of parents who are determined to make sure the right resources are in every school.

You can also discuss at the school with the principal or teachers what our plan is for the Gonski funding and how it would improve the education of your child.
FAMILY DAYCARE
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“You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world”. This quotation is from Jessica, a 15 year-old who spent 5 months in Italy. Studies have found that high school aged students that go on exchange come back more mature, more willing to tackle problems, and more able to recognize future opportunities. Student Exchange Australia can provide exchange opportunities for your students.

Student Exchange Australia operates programs to 25 different countries around the world, for periods of 2 to 12 months. All students live with a fully vetted host family and attend full time school. The goal is complete immersion, which provides the students with valuable language experience and cultural understanding that will last for the rest of their lives. We work closely with students and their parents to determine the most appropriate program, tailored around the student’s schooling commitments, and we support them though every step of their exchange.

To further make these opportunities available, Student Exchange Australia New Zealand offers a wide range of scholarships & discounts. These scholarships include language, digital, international affairs and indigenous scholarships, and are valued from $2,500 up to the full fee of the program. The next deadline for all scholarships and discounts is October 31st 2014. Further information on our on our scholarships can be found here [http://studentexchange.org.au/programs-overview/discounts-scholarships/](http://studentexchange.org.au/programs-overview/discounts-scholarships/)

For further information contact Julie 0457 904 119 or 1300 135 331.

An information evening will also be held on Wednesday the 12th August for all interested students and parents.

**FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN BENDIGO**

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Tuesday 12th August- 7.30pm**
National Hotel/Motel, High Street
BENDIGO

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) call 1300 135 331 or Julie 0457 904 119 for more information.
Join our six session parenting program for parents and carers of teens.

Would you like to learn how to:
• Be better at talking with your teen?
• Be better at understanding your teen?
• Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
• Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop Emotional Intelligence

Term 3, 2014
When: Thursday 14th August - 18th September 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 6:15pm
      Sessions 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Kate Kerlin and Narelle Williams
Parking: On site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.
violence prevention
it’s everybody’s business

Conference October 7-8
Masterclasses October 9  Bendigo 2014

‘Everybody’s Business’ means community, workplaces, government and organisations can all play a part in violence prevention.

Key Themes
What is prevention?
Preventing violence against women
Unpack myths
Role of community
The gendered nature of violence
Understanding the bystander approach to prevention

Keynote Speakers
Mallika Dutt - Breakthrough
Ken Lay - Police Commissioner
Dr Michael Flood - Academic
Dr Gael Jennings - Commentator
Paul Linossier - CEO Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children
Scott Holmes - Advisor to YMCA and many more...
MC - Clementine Ford

Conference Details
Where: The All Seasons
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Registration: Now Open

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Loddon Mallee Takes a Stand
Preventing violence against women

Department of Justice