Weroona College Bendigo Vision Statement

Students at Weroona 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 & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody in the Weeroona College Bendigo Community a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. We have been exceptionally proud of our students and our awards night which was held last Wednesday evening was a fantastic opportunity for us to recognise all the wonderful things that have occurred throughout the year. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff and students who have made 2016 such a positive and productive year. Looking forward to 2017, all parents/guardians will receive Start-Up Day information packs in the mail for each child during January. Please take the time to read all enclosed information carefully and if you have any concerns please contact the General Office on 5443 2133. Once again we look forward to seeing you all back at Weeroona College Bendigo to begin the 2017 year.

Leanne Preece  Jason Bysouth
Principal  Assistant Principal

CHAPLAIN’S CHATTER

Hi all, this is the speech I presented at the awards evening last week. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and lots of fun over the holidays.

Cheers, Carl

Imagine

If you looked at a snapshot of world news from 2016 you would say it has been a pretty rough year. We have been bombarded with images of war; many famous people, who were heroes for many others, have died and to top it off a crazy haired dude became president somewhere in the world. This constant bad news has a way of creeping under our skin and it is easy to develop a certain despair or even indifference for our future. But despite all this stuff that is happening in our crazy world I want to affirm to you tonight that there is hope for the future. This hope doesn’t exist in the form of sentimental optimism but in the form of a subversive statement that admits all is not as it should be and then dares to imagine something better. Imagine the many secret acts of mercy holding the world together. Imagine all the people humbly choosing compassion despite their differences. It is already happening, imagine being part of it! To our students tonight I hope that you can imagine a better future for your neighbourhood, for Bendigo, Australia or even our Planet. Please don’t become overwhelmed, remember that in the grand scheme of things that despite being unfathomably valuable we are all still so blissfully unimportant. I also hope you will not only continue to have good teachers who can give you a satisfactory explanation but great teachers who will unsettle you because that is when real growth and learning can take place. It is tempting to aim for comfort and security in life but imagine having the guts and sense of adventure to reject the status-quo. Imagine listening to the spark within you and really following your passions toward a life that is bigger and more connected than just your own. We are proud of your achievements tonight and wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Thank you.

Carl Rusbridge
College Chaplin

KAREN NOTICE FOR STUDENTS

If you have recently changed address or telephone number, please come to the General Office so we can update your details and ensure you receive your Reports and Start Up Day Packs.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

2017 Conveyance Allowance

Application Forms will be available from our website: www.weeroona.vic.edu.au or from the General Office from the 27th January 2017. We require a new application for each eligible student, (siblings are able to be on same form), and the receipt of their ½ yearly or full year pass.

School Reports

School Reports will be posted on Monday the 19th December 2016.

2017 Start Up Day

Start Up Day and packs will be posted in early January 2017, included in this pack is information for the commencement of the 2017 School Year, including the booking of Start Up Day Interviews.

Start Up Day Interviews will be held on Tuesday 31st January 2017 4pm-8pm and Wednesday 1st February 2017 9am-1pm

Bookings can be made on Compass from Wednesday the 25th January 2017.

Please contact the General Office on Friday 27th January if you are having any difficulties with bookings.

Booklist Orders

Booklist collection day will be held on Sunday 22nd January 2017 10am – 4pm at Education Plus, Rocklea Homemaker Centre Kangaroo Flat.

Please contact the General Office if you did not receive a booklist.

General Office

The General Office will be closed from 12.30pm on the 20th December 2016 and will reopen on Friday 27th January at 8.15am.

Change of Details

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GIVE BLOOD

SAVE 3 LIVES

Bendigo Donor Centre
6-8 High Street

Visit donateblood.com.au or call 13 14 95 today because giving blood feels good

Australian Red Cross Blood Service
BASKETBALL FOR WOMEN

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME FUN AND EXERCISE THE BENDIGO MIDWEEK BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS FOR THEIR 2017 SEASON.

WOMEN OF ALL ABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG.

GATHER SOME FRIENDS TOGETHER TO MAKE A TEAM OR JOIN AN EXISTING TEAM.

THE COMPETITION IS PLAYED ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE BENDIGO STADIUM AND CRECHE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE KIDS. NO GAMES ARE PLAYED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JENNY – jennybozz@gmail.com
Or phone – 0413599780
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange will be welcoming some excited and enthusiastic students into Victoria in FEBRUARY 2017!

These wonderful exchange students will be arriving from FRANCE, ITALY, GERMANY, DENMARK, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, and JAPAN.

We would love to hear from WONDERFUL FAMILIES in your area who are interested in sharing their Australian life and culture.

If you would like to welcome an AMAZING exchange student into your home, life, and heart in February 2017, please contact Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call 1800 500 501 toll free or email cheryl.p@scce.com.au

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