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**WCB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**
6th
Grade 6 Orientation Day
No Year 8 or 9 students on this day

9th
Awards Evening, Ulumbarra Theatre
7pm

14th – 18th
Booklists for 2016 due in

18th
Activity Week
College Clean Up Day- 1:30pm finish

**JANUARY**
18th
Booklist Collection – WCB Gym

27th
College Office Opens

28th – 29th
Start Up Day (PM 28th & AM 29th)

**FEBRUARY**
1st
Classes commence for Term 1

**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

What a fabulous year we have had at Weeroona College Bendigo in 2015.

★ Many, many sporting successes for our students competing as the Weeroona Warriors in a broad range of individual and team competitions.
★ The purchase of full size soccer goals has pleased and entertained lots of our students at lunch and recess times.
★ 30 debutantes and 30 partners were successfully presented at our annual debutante ball.
★ The introduction of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focused curriculum at year eight this year with plans to implement across the curriculum from beginning of 2016.
★ Students and staff organised and ran a Maker Fair for 75 primary students.
★ Links through La Trobe University with broad range of students involved in the Uni Bridges Science Program, the Science and Engineering Challenge and School Partnership Program.
★ The college production of Snow White.
★ Our College music program – more students involved than ever before. Performances throughout the year included the Victorian School Bands Festival, the Bendigo Competitions, Music Week Camp, Music Count Us In, Fretworks and the opening of the Ulumbarra theatre.
★ Student leadership opportunities through SRC, year nine leadership program at the Snowy River camp, peer support, Mindshop Excellence and Harmony Day.
★ Our successful student camps program which included – Campaspe Downs, Lorne Surf camp, Melbourne Urban Experience, Fiji and Bali trips.
★ We hosted a Mystery Box Cook Off challenge for Foodshare and the celebrity chefs included representatives from Gold FM, Bendigo Toyota, Mason restaurant and WIN TV.
★ From the beginning of the year, Energy Breakthrough was back up and running after a 12 month break. Both teams performed well at Maryborough and they also completed a 24 hour challenge where they raised over a $1,000 for the Cancer Council and SPAN – Suicide prevention awareness network.

On Wednesday night we will celebrate the achievements of many of our wonderful students and staff at our annual awards night at Ulumbarra and I encourage everyone to attend.

My thank you to all of our terrific staff members who have put so much time in to planning this celebration as well as the work that everyone does all through the year to encourage and support our students.

My thanks and best wishes to our outgoing college captains Taylor Fitton and Tom McKerrow for the leadership they have shown throughout the year.

To our College Council Members: Sonia Evans, Gill Davey, Andrew Pollock, Geoff Hamilton, Maraia Miller, Tess Carter, Michelle Griffin, Tim Lawrence, Jason Bysouth, Sonya Fergus, Brian Stratford, Danielle Duval and Fran Shaw; thank you so much for your commitment and support of our College.

As the school year draws to a close I would like to offer everyone my best wishes for a happy holiday, lots of sunshine, family and friends, and the relaxation you need after a hectic 2015.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Last Week of School Activities
As part of Weeroona College Bendigo’s End of Year Program, the College has planned several activities for the last week of school, starting Monday 14th December. The timetable of can be seen on Page 6.

Some activities incur a cost (Major League will be $12.00 and Pool Day will be $5.00), whilst others are free of charge. Please take the time to discuss with your child the activities in the program, then sign the permission slip and return it with payment to the General Office. Spare permission notes are located at the General Office. If your child chooses not to participate in activities that incur a cost, alternative options will be offered at the College.

Given the nature of some activities, students are welcome to wear College sports uniform for the week. Please return all permission slips and money to the General Office by Friday 11th December.

Uniform 2016
As many families purchase new items of uniform in readiness for the start of a new year I thought that it would be timely to remind everyone of our uniform policy, in particular footwear.

Shoes must be totally black leather lace-up style school shoes must be worn at all times, except for PE and/or Sport activities. Shoes must be totally black including laces. They are to be sturdy in nature, non-porous and
fully covered in. This is essential to meet work safety requirements. For PE, sneakers must be white soled.

It is College Council policy that all students must wear the College uniform at all times at school.

The uniform is available through DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP, which is located here at Weeroona College Bendigo in the R.A Llewelyn Shed.

The phone number for the Uniform Shop is 5444 0879. Trading hours are:
- Tuesdays: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Thursdays: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Uniform Shop Extended Trading Hours**

**December 2015:**
- Tuesday 1/12/15: 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- Thursday 3/12/15: 8.30am – 12.00pm
- Tuesday 8/12/15: 8.30am – 9.30am, 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- Thursday 10/12/15: 8.30am – 12.00pm

**January 2016:**
- Monday 18/1/16: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- Tuesday 19/1/15: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- Wednesday 20/1/16: 8.00am – 4.00pm
- Thursday 21/1/16: 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Friday 22/1/16: 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Monday 25/1/16: CLOSED
- Tuesday 26/1/16: AUSTRALIA DAY CLOSED
- Wednesday 27/1/16: 10.00am – 3.00pm
- Thursday 28/1/16: 10.00am – 3.00pm
- Friday 29/1/16: 11.00am – 5.00pm
- Monday 1/2/16: 8.00am – 11.00am

Normal trading hours will resume after Monday 1st February.

Practical subjects have specific requirements with respect to protective clothing, including footwear in designated areas.

Make-up, nail polish and jewellery are NOT permitted. A wrist-watch may be worn, and students with pierced ears may wear plain silver or gold sleepers or studs.

Very exceptional circumstances may lead to a student coming to College not in full uniform. This must be clearly explained by written note from a parent/guardian on that day. Ongoing failure to comply with this requirement may result in a suspension.

It is of the utmost importance to clearly name all your children’s belongings, particularly clothing that they are likely to remove at school. Please check occasionally that the labels are intact.

**OUTER GARMENTS:**
- Navy woollen jumper
- College Polar Fleece
- College Spray Jacket

**SHIRTS:**
- College Polo Shirt
- White long sleeve business shirt and college tie.
- College PE shirt to be worn on physical education or sports days

**TROUSER, SLACKS & SHORTS:**
- Navy College trousers or slacks (Choice of styles available from shop.)
- Navy College shorts are a summer option for all students.

**DRESSES/SKIRTS:**
- College winter skirt and navy tights or socks.
- College summer dress and white ankle socks.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT:**
- Choice of 2 styles of navy shorts
- College navy track pants
- College PE/Sport white & navy polo top

**HATS:**
- Choice of navy bucket or navy surf hat embroidered with the college logo.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody in the Weeroona College Bendigo Community a Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff and students who have made 2015 such a productive year.

Looking forward to 2016, 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. The office will be opened again from Wednesday 27th January.

Once again we look forward to seeing you all back at Weeroona College Bendigo to begin the 2016 year.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal
FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

**Conveyance Allowance for 2016**
Application Forms for 2016 will be available from our website: [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au) or from the General Office in early February. We require a new application for each eligible student, and the receipt of their ½ yearly or full year pass.

**Booklist**
Booklists are due back by Wednesday 9th December to the General Office.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

**Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy (any medical condition):**
Weeroona College Bendigo takes individual student illness and medical conditions very seriously. If you have a child that may suffer from one of the medical conditions below it is vital that we are made aware. We have an overall responsibility for implementing strategies and processes for ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of any of these conditions:
- Anaphylaxis.
- Allergies.
- Diabetes.
- Epilepsy.
- Or any other medical condition.

Action plans for any medical condition is highly recommended. Copies of particular action plans for Anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, epilepsy & diabetes have been included on the school website for you to print off.

If you are unable to print off the action plans you require, please see myself (Sarah – School Nurse) or the General Office and copies will be available.

You may not use these particular action plans as your health specialist may have already developed one for you. It is very important that you remember to bring all completed action plans or letters from your doctor with you on Start-up Day in 2016. During Start up Day you should give these to your child’s Advisor. The School Nurse will also be available on the day to talk to if you wish.

Medication that your child requires should also be brought with you on start-up day. Depending on your child’s condition, medication is either kept with your child in their bag or locker. Some medication will be kept in the General Office such as EpiPens. This must be discussed with your Advisor and the First Aid Office. A form listing the details of the medication to be administered must be filled out, signed and returned to the Office.

**Medications:**
If your child has medication kept in the general office please remember to collect it before the end of the school year. All medication must be taken home and returned in 2016 on Start-Up Day if required.

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, it is your responsibility to provide the General Office with an up to date EpiPen. All Learning Communities will carry a spare EpiPen in the event of an emergency. If your child wishes to carry a second EpiPen on them (or in their locker or bag) they are more than welcome to do so. We recommend notifying your Advisor and Learning Community Leader on Start-Up Day.

If your child suffers from Asthma, all communities carry a spare puffer. However, we highly recommend your child has their own puffer and spacer with them, either in their school bag or locker.

If you have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Warburton – School Nurse, on 5443 32133 (warburton.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au) or please feel free to see myself on Start-up Day in 2016.

**Anaphylaxis:**
- ASCIA Action Plan for allergies/no epipen.
- Individual management plan (on school system).

**Asthma:**
- Asthma Care Plan for Schools & Children's Services – Asthma Foundation.
- Student Health Support Plan (on school system).

**Diabetes:**
- Care plan from GP/Diabetes care.
- Management plans under the website above. Must choose and it all depends on whether they have.
- Individual management plan (on school system).

**Epilepsy:**
- Management care plan under the website above.
- Individual management plan (on school system).

**Medications:**
- Medication authority forms found on website and school system.
Year 10 Big Day Out
For their end of year Big Day Out, the Year 10’s travelled by train to Melbourne for a Scavenger Selfie Hunt. This trip was organised by the SRC and involved groups of students making their way around the CBD to get photos of themselves at a range of Melbourne iconic places such as Federation Square, St Paul’s Cathedral and Her Majesty’s Theatre.

Students had a great time hanging out with their friends and seeing who could come up with the funniest and most interesting photos of themselves. Three of the groups took out the top prizes for the day and won tickets to Bendigo Cinema and JB HiFi vouchers. A big thank you to the teachers who came along to help supervise and support the day.

Year 10 Graduation Dinner
The Year 10 Dinner was a fun and exciting way to finish off the year for our graduating students. It was an amazing success with nearly 90 students and more than 20 staff coming along for a night of great food and music.

Students made grand entrances in their hired vehicles. They looked incredible in their suits and dresses and made good use of the Photobooth throughout the night.

Students laughed as they watched a presentation showing how much they had grown since Year 7. Ms Preece farewelled the 2015 Year 10 class and gave each a small gift and the Katyil Year 10’s even did their own special presentation. A special thank you to the SRC for helping organise and decorate the function centre and to all the staff who came along to help celebrate with the Year 10 students.

FROM THE STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM
Students play a powerful role in the development and maintenance of a safe school. They can make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of all students in the school, their families and members of the broader community. Through assuming ownership for their own safety and wellbeing, as well as that of others, students develop a sense of connectedness and add meaning and purpose to their lives.
BECOMING YOUR TRUE SELF

Life is all about learning and learning is the most natural of all human traits. Everyone is born with an amazing capacity to absorb, remember understand and use vast amounts of information. We love learning and are always seeking to learn more about things that interest us. We enjoy learning about ourselves, about others and about this amazing world in which we all live. We all have a deep desire to learn and understand so that we can make sense of our lives.

“All great achievements begin with a dream”

As always, the team has enjoyed coming alongside students and families this year to provide mentoring, share the ups and downs and to simply be there when some extra support is needed. It is rewarding to help young people discover they have hidden strength and courage and with a little bit of help can bounce back from tough times.

As well as responding to issues, our College Wellbeing Team believes in the importance of being proactive and encouraging fun and left-field opportunities for students. Here are a few:

- A student led Trivia Night to raise funds for this year’s Bali Trip and Advance Class Fiji Trip.
- Girls Groups – Working on self-esteem, better communication, respectful relationship
- Student members of the Greater City Youth Advisory Group
- Breakfast program each Tuesday morning with the help of the Fusion Youth team and Baker’s Delight Lyttleton Terrace.
- White Ribbon march promoting awareness of and action against domestic violence.
- Students volunteering with Righteous Pups
- Mental Health week activities to raise awareness about mental health issues, odd socks day, movember, staff development.

We hope all our Weeroona College Bendigo families have a safe and happy Christmas break. In closing, we would like to wish our exiting Year 10 students all the best with their future endeavours. At the same time we look forward to meeting our prospective Year 7s and being able to share in their unfolding stories, ideas and voice in building a bright future together.

Every blessing,
Julie, Carl and Sarah.
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