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**WCB UPCOMING EVENTS**

### FEBRUARY

- **19th** | WCB Swimming Sports Day
- **25th** | Year 7 Welcome BBQ – 6:00pm

### MARCH

- **2nd**  | Year 7 Camp departs
- **4th**  | Year 7 Camp returns
- **6th**  | WCB Athletics Carnival
- **9th**  | Labour Day Holiday
- **16th** | Immunisations- All Students
- **27th** | Last Day of Term 1

### APRIL

- **13th** | First Day of Term 2

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**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 *

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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

Welcome back to the 2015 school year at Weeroona College Bendigo. This year we are working towards ensuring that we consistently maintain a culture of High Expectations. High expectations for each other as a staff. High expectations for the participation and achievement of all of our students and high expectations of the relationships that we develop with you as our parent community.

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 participated in the Start Up Day conferences last week 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.

WCB Staff
I am pleased to report that we have begun the year with a full complement of staff and I would like to welcome Mr Jake Giudice, our new Maths and Science teacher along with returning staff Ms Christine Edgar and Mr Matt Reeves.

Interested in being a member of the Weeroona College Bendigo School Council?
As the new school year begins, we are looking for four parent representatives for our school council.

Frequently asked questions.
• Do I need special experience to be on school council? No! What you need is an interest in our school and the ability to work cooperatively with others to help shape its future.
• Why is parent membership so important? Parents on councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

If I am interested, what do I do? Download a nomination form from our school website or collect a copy from our general office, complete and return to the school by Friday 13 February 2015.

When parents are involved in their children’s education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better.” - A New Generation of Evidence: The Family is Critical to Student Achievement. (Henderson & Berla, 1994)

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Weeroona College Bendigo. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school/school website and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Friday 13th February. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 4th March, 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at school.
### Weeroona College Bendigo 2015 School Council Election Schedule

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As we begin the school year it is timely to remind students and parents of the college expectations regarding student footwear and homework.

### Homework

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework at WCB consists mainly of: reading, research, assignments, assessments tasks and independent projects. It is also expected that students who are not completing set work during class time will be completing this work for homework. Students not submitting work by due dates will be provided the opportunity (and expected) to complete this work during our after school catch up classes.

### Footwear 2015

When planning for the 2015 school year, I would like to remind parents and students of our footwear policy at WCB. From time to time students arrive at school with shoes that do not meet our school council agreed uniform policy.

Footwear has to be OH&S compliant. They also must be black leather lace up style school shoes or black leather runners. Shoes must be totally black including laces. Boots or high-top’s are not included in the list of approved school footwear items.

I have included some photos below of footwear that is appropriate.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with as many families as possible throughout the year and welcome you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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**FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Welcome to the beginning of the 2015 school year. It has been a busy, yet exciting start to the year for students and teachers, with classes commencing last Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our returning students and families and a special welcome to all our new Year 7 students and families as well as the many new enrolments that began both during our successful ‘kick start’ program last December and those that have commenced during the course of the last week.
School Speed Limits

Our young people are our most vulnerable road users and to address this road safety issue school speed zones with lower speed limits were introduced in 2003. Motorists should be aware that young people in traffic are not like adults. They can be unpredictable and hard to see. Take extra care and slow down when you drive past any school. Research shows that slowing down helps to both avoid crashes and reduce their severity. According to the Monash University Accident Research Centre, an 11 per cent reduction in speed reduces road deaths by 40 per cent. Even a small reduction in travelling speed dramatically increases the chance of a child surviving a collision.

Types of school speed limits

Speed limits set for school speed zones are designed to improve road safety outside schools while taking into account issues such as high traffic volumes, peak school pedestrian hours and school holidays.

There are several types of school speed limit zones, including permanent time-based and electronic variable speed limit reductions.

Advanced Warning Signs

Advanced Warning Signs tell motorists they are approaching a school zone with reduced speed limits. Drivers should be prepared to slow down during school times.

50 km/h roads

Outside schools on 50 km/h roads, there are permanent 40 km/h speed limit zones. Drivers must obey this 40 km/h speed limit at ALL times. In some special cases, such as 50 km/h roads with high traffic volumes, a time-based 40 km/h limit may be in place.

60 and 70 km/h roads

Outside schools on 60 and 70 km/h roads, a time-based 40 km/h speed limit is used. The 40 km/h speed limit is in effect from 8.00 am to 9.30 am, and from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm on school days. The regular 60 or 70 km/h limit applies outside these times.

80, 90 and 100 km/h roads

Outside schools on 80, 90 and 100 km/h roads, a time-based 60 km/h speed limit applies from 8.00 am to 9.30 am, and from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm on school days. The regular 80, 90, or 100 km/h limit applies outside these times.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

Curriculum Resources Levy

A regular question we receive in the office is ‘What is the Curriculum Resource Levy and what does it cover?’

The Curriculum Resource Levy includes the following inclusions:

- Student Injury Insurance (whilst at school).
- Student ID Card
- College Magazine
- A contribution towards subject materials for core subjects (English, Maths, Science, PE, Humanities & Language).
- A contribution to new Library Books.
- A contribution towards first aid.

In 2015, students who haven’t paid the Curriculum Resource Levy will not be covered or receive:

- Student Injury Insurance (whilst at school).
- Student ID Card
- College Magazine

There has been no increase in this levy amount from 2014.

Levies can be paid in instalments if this makes it easier for families. We trust parents understand how important it is for us to receive this payment from families and how it is essential in resourcing our College.

Conveyance Allowance

Application forms for Conveyance Allowance are available from the General Office, or can be downloaded from our college website: www.weeroona.vic.edu.au. We now require a completed application form each year for each student/family.

Application forms need to be returned to the General Office by Friday 23rd February. Please note: those students claiming for a public bus pass also need to send in a copy of their receipt of their yearly or half yearly pass in order for their application to be approved.
Weroona College Bendigo

**WCB Assistance Program**
This year we are offering the WCB Assistance Program to any families that are on a Healthcare or Pension card.

This allowance is $100.00 per student to be used on your family statement for school fee's, camps etc.

Your healthcare or pension card **must** be valid from the 28th January, 2015 to be eligible for this allowance. Applications close on Friday 13th February, 2015. Please see the General office for application forms.

**QKR App**
Did you know that the QKR App can be used to pay any school charges and order your child’s lunch?

The App now includes a permission note that you can sign and this gets sent directly to us.

We’ve had lots of positive feedback around this App and it is really easy to use!

For more info and how to download and start using the App please see our college website [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au)

**Family Accounts**
Thank you to the parents/guardians who have paid their school fees on the booklist or on the Start-up Days. We have had a great response.

WCB Assistance Program has been credited to family accounts also.

Any outstanding charges can be paid the following ways:
- QKR App
- Bpay
- In person at the General Office.

If any families wish to start a payment plan, please contact the General Office.

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**FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

**Medical Conditions**
If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of (i.e. Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes etc...) please contact the School Nurse to discuss how we can best care and support your child.

Weeroona College Bendigo takes individual student illness and medical conditions very seriously. We have an overall responsibility for implementing strategies and processes for ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of any medical/health 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.

Medication that your child requires should be brought to the First Aid Office. 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 but it is highly suggested that you discuss this with the school nurse and First Aid Officer.

Please feel free to contact the school nurse (Sarah Warburton) to discuss your child’s medical/health condition at any time.

**Secondary School Immunisation Program**
In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The Bendigo City Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact Weeroona College Bendigo by 27th February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Bendigo City Council.
2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.
3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Consent cards were distributed at start-up day interviews or they have now been sent home with your child.

You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school by February 27th 2015. If you have not received a consent card for the immunisation program, please contact the School Nurse or your child’s advisor and another one will be provided.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to: [http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au)  
**MUSIC**

**New Instrumental Music Students**
If students are interested in learning a music instrument this year you need to download an enrolment form from the web page, fill it in and return it to Mrs Johnston in the Performing Arts Centre this coming week.

**Continuing Instrumental Music Students**
Students who wish to continue with their music instrument studies need to complete a continuing tuition form, available from the Performing Arts Centre. Please contact your teachers this week to organise your music timetables.

**Weeroona Voices**
Our singing group is looking for new enrolments. If your child likes to sing in a group, please contact the Performing Arts staff, Mrs Johnston and Ms Henty, to register your name now.

Senior Band will resume rehearsals this Tuesday 10th at 8.00am.

**SPORT**

**Swimming Sports**
The WCB Swimming Sports will take place on Thursday 19th February at the East Bendigo Swimming Pool. Students will travel to and from the pool by bus. The cost per student will be $5.00 – THIS CHARGE IS CALLED “2015 SPORTS DAY” ON FAMILY STATEMENTS AND SOME STUDENTS MAY HAVE ALREADY PAID.

If you have not already paid this levy, please do so by Thursday 12th February. Students who have a season’s ticket will receive a free sausage at lunch time. ALL STUDENTS MUST COME TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE GOING TO THE POOL.

Come prepared with sunscreen, hat and bathers. We encourage students to support their particular house by displaying their particular house colours (Wannop = Red, Katyil = Blue, Kappen = Green, Merin = Yellow). Students do not have to wear college uniform on this day. Canteen facilities will be available at the pool.

**Athletics Sports**
The WCB Athletics Sports will take place on Friday 6th March at the Flora Hill Athletics Track. Students will travel to and from the venue by bus. The cost of day is $5.00. THIS CHARGE IS CALLED “2015 SPORTS DAY” ON FAMILY STATEMENTS AND SOME STUDENTS MAY HAVE ALREADY PAID. If you have not already paid this levy, please do so by Friday 27th February.

Students must wear their College Physical Education/Sport Uniform and come prepared with sunscreen, hat and warm clothing if necessary.

**YEAR 7 CAMP**
As part of the Weeroona College Bendigo Year 7 program, a three day camp is going to be held at the PGL ran Campaspe Downs Camp, Trentham Rd, Kyneton from the Monday 2nd March – Wednesday 4th March.

PGL has recently taken over this Camp and they have made many improvements to both the facilities and program that is provided.

The cost for the camp is $220.00 per student. There will be permission forms coming out in the next week with more information regarding activities and payments.

**YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ**
On Wednesday 25th February we have our Year 7 welcome BBQ. This gives you a chance to meet many of your children’s friends, their parents and teachers and other school community members including our wellbeing team and our Year 10 School Mediators.

Our new year 7 class captains will also speak and tell us about their experience so far at our school.

The night will begin at 6:00pm with a BBQ supplied and will finish at 7:00pm. This will be held on the covered Basketball Courts behind Wannop.

It would be much appreciated if you could inform the school of how many members of your family will be attending due to catering purposes. You can do this my contacting the General Office on 5443 2133.

**BALI FUNDRAISING MEETING**
Those students wishing to go on our cultural study tour to Bali on the 13th September will need to get their $300.00 non-refundable deposit to the General Office by Friday 13th February to reserve their place.

At an estimate this trip will cost approximately $2,500. I would like to have a meeting for those interested next Tuesday 10th February at 7:30pm in Katyil Learning Community.

There will be copies of the itinerary and discussions on costs and fundraising options. We would like to get on to fundraising as soon as possible to help raise the necessary funds required.

Last year students raised between $350 - $800 each.

*Sarah Davis*
Language Coordinator
RIGHTHEOUS PUPS PROGRAM 2015

Righteous Pups Australia foster, train and socialise dogs to assist; children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families; the elderly; and socially isolated people within the local community and beyond. Weeroona College Bendigo is exceptionally privileged to be a part of the Bridging Gaps program. It is an innovative therapy dog program specially designed to work with young people between 12-18 years.

If your child is:
- Willing to commit to a 12 month program (1 day every week).
- Has a love or interest in working to train and raise assistance dogs to do a variety of practical tasks for children and adults with disabilities,
- Wants to build their confidence and self-belief,

Then we strongly encourage you to contact the Wellbeing Team (Sarah Warburton- School Nurse) for further information. Please phone the school on 5443 2133 or email Sarah on warburton.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Many of our students have attended this program and have found it a rewarding experience. Quite a few students have also gone onto become Mentors in their second year.

INTERSCCHOOL DEBATING TEAM

If you are interested in becoming a Weeroona Word Warrior and participating in an interschool debating competition please contact Ms. Jones in Kappen community or alternatively you can email: Jones.carolyn.d@edumail.vic.gov.au, or let your English teacher know and they can pass on your details.

The competition is held at Bendigo Senior Secondary College from 3:00pm – 7:00pm, one Tuesday during the months of March, April and May. Last year we had one senior team, this year it would be great to field a junior and senior team.

If you enjoy building strong arguments, researching and stretching your mind please let Ms. Jones know by Tuesday 17th, February, 2015.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN BE GREAT STUDENTS

A very warm welcome to the 2015 school year to everyone who is a part of Weeroona College Bendigo. As your child heads back to school think about the vital role that you play as a parent in their educational progress. Here are some ways you help them achieve more from school this year.

1. Let your child see you making mistakes.
Parents are their child’s first teacher and their lifetime teacher. Part of being a teacher is teaching your child how to deal with making mistakes. Let them see that you can make mistakes and deal with it so they will understand it’s not a big deal and they can cope when they trip up.

2. Use e-mail to keep in touch.
E-mail is a great way to reach your child’s teacher without having to play phone tag. Teachers then have a record of a conversation or can print information out to put in a student’s file as a reminder. If you hear what your children are struggling in, please feel comfortable talking to the teacher about it. We want to know that they need help. Communication needn’t be limited to when there’s a problem.

3. Don’t tell your child that you weren’t good at Maths.
Some parents might feel intimidated by the thought of helping children with their Maths homework, especially in the upper year levels but maths is here to serve you, not to trip you up. Maths should make life easier, and mastery can start at home with parents showing that they’re not frightened by numbers. One way to make maths more accessible is to relate it to daily activities. Capitalise on examples where maths is useful, especially the kinds of calculations adults do daily like measuring ingredients, managing sums of money, working out distances. This way, children see how what they’re learning matters in life.

4. Encourage them to read at home.
Help them to find things that they enjoy reading and get them to do 30 minutes a day. They can read independently or you can read along with them. be a role model, read something you enjoy at the same time that they are reading.

6. Don’t compare your child with others.
Don’t put pressure on children to be just like others. There’s no such thing as the child that’s like every other child. They are all different. They all have strengths and weaknesses, they all have talents and challenges.”

7. Secondary school is not the time to take a more hands-off approach.
Just because your children are getting older doesn’t mean it’s time to put them on autopilot. This is the point in their lives when they’re trying to sort out who they are. Peer pressure is intense and their connectedness to school can wane. Secondary school students have this air about them that they don’t need their parents anymore, but they really do.
9. Don't do everything for your child.
Sometimes it's faster to do things yourself than wait for your children to complete a task. But having everything done for them means they don't learn to take care of themselves. Empower your children to think for themselves and be more responsible for themselves.

10. Ask about your child's day.
Stay involved in your child's education, beyond helping with any homework. Even small things, like asking a child what happened at school, can be the difference between a child who unplugs at the end of the day and one who continues thinking about what they learned. Give them the kind of feedback that acknowledges and respects their feelings so they know you are really hearing them.

Learning at Weeroona College Bendigo is a partnership between the school and home where we work together to ensure that your child achieves Personal Excellence.

WHITE HILLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT

The White Hills Junior Football club welcomes all current and new players for 2015 season. Registration night will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on Wednesday, 18th February, 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

We will be registering Teams in Under 9, 10, 12, 14 & 16 grades. Also if enough interest Youth girls (13-18 yrs) and the new Junior girls (8-12 yrs).

For further information you can email the club whjfclub@gmail.com, visit our website www.whitehillsjfc.vcfl.com.au or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275. As there will be limited vacancies in some age divisions, please ensure you register on this night.

CFA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bendigo is hosting the 2015 CFA (VFVB) Senior State Championships. It is a free event which will attract about 2,000 people to the region.

The event will be held from 7th March until the 9th March at the Weeroona Oval. There will be entertainment, music, food and some great CFA projects and vehicles on display. You can come and see the Captain Koala and friends and learn about fire safety in a fun and engaging way.
SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

Dai Gum San Chinese Precinct

Sunday, March 22, 2015

The Suicide Prevention Awareness Network walk on Sunday, March 22 is designed to allow those touched by suicide to remember loved ones, friends, work or school mates and to raise awareness of the issue of suicide across the broader Central Victorian community.

9.30am
Event commences with live entertainment in Dai Gum San precinct at 1-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo
Available for purchase: SPAN T-shirts $15, bandanas $5 and caps $8

10.50am
Official welcoming ceremony

11am
SPAN suicide awareness walk starts (approx. 2kms)

11.45am
Walk finishes at Dai Gum San Chinese precinct

Noon
Butterfly Remembrance ceremony

12.15pm
Free sausage sizzle lunch served and live entertainment continues.
Also incorporating the annual Central Victorian Black Dog Ride (raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)

Follow event news at www.bendigo advertiser.com.au

Sponsorship and general inquiries: Alannah McGregor
by email at alannah.m.15@gmail.com or phone 0408 541 082
Volunteer Applications NOW OPEN

Get involved - meet new people, work with industry professionals and have lots of fun!

The Bendigo Easter Festival is looking for volunteers to work at the festival between

**Friday 3 April – Sunday 5 April 2015**

- It is a great opportunity for students who are required to complete volunteer hours
- Flexible rostering
- Training and uniforms supplied – including a **FREE** pair of shoes from Peak Sport
- Working with Children’s Check maybe required for some roles.
- Applicants must be over 15 years.

Volunteers are required for a wide variety of roles including but not limited to:

- **Stage Supervisor**
- **Entertainment Activity Assistant**
- **Hidden Creatures Assistant (WWCC required)**
- **Information Tent Assistants (WWCC required)**
- **Spic and Span Assistants**
- **Parade Assistants**
- **Survey Data Assistants**
- **Bike parking Attendants**
- **Torchlight Procession Lantern Carriers**
- **Roving Entertainment Chaperone**

Information and Application Form available at

[www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au](http://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au)

Applications close 20 February 2015

For further information please contact
Bendigo Easter Festival Volunteer Coordination Team
P: 0459 167 425
E: a.downing@bendigo.vic.gov.au
INVITATION

The Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise Board request the pleasure of your company at their Community Grants Night at which the November round of successful applicants will be presented with their grants.

Guest Speaker: Wayne Tobin – Regional Manager Bendigo Bank
Supper provided at the conclusion of the presentations.

DATE: Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February 2015
TIME: 7:00PM
VENUE: Strauch Reserve, Huntly
RSVP: by 6\textsuperscript{th} February to Zenda McConnell on 0448 361 750 or via email to davidnzenda@gmail.com

We hope you will join us.

For more information on the BNDCE please visit our website: www.bndce.com.au

Thanks to our partners:
If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: +61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert

From: +61 444 444 444
EMERGENCY WARNING FROM CFA
Fire in Pohlners Road area. Visitors to Grampians National Park should leave now. Check local radio or visit emergency.vic.gov.au

Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.
If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it’s in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the FireReady app
- Go to facebook.com/cfavic
- Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter
2015 Bendigo Festival of Cultures Presents

Latin-Fiesta Dinner/Dance

Saturday 21st March 2015
7 to 11pm

The Conservatory
All Seasons
171-183 Mc Ivor Rd, Bendigo

Latin American music moves more than just the body, it moves the soul.

The All Seasons Conservatory will certainly be moving when the Latin Fiesta Dinner Dance comes to town.

Dinner
Adult $50
Child $25

The event features popular Melbourne-based band Funkalleros and DJ Sacal La Mois. Funkalleros travel the unchartered musical waters of alternative Latin music, from the modern to the traditional, and have a lot of fun along the way. The performers not only create music from the heart, they send a message of love, hope and understanding, in a way that will have your toes tapping and your fingers clicking.

Tickets can be purchased at the All Seasons, on 5443 8166 or at LCMS at 120 McCrae St.

For more information or to send your questions before the evening:
info@bendigofestivalofcultures.org.au

Sponsored by
Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness,

Venue: All Seasons Resort, Bendigo

Time: 8pm start

Tables of 6-10
Cost: $20 per person

Cost Includes
- Supper
- Lucky door prizes

For tickets or table reservations please call
Steve Boonie/Sarkles 7 0409930161
or
Tim Chis 15 0412964216
Bendigo Northern Flames Junior Netball Club Update.

Dear Parents, please find the updated information in regards to payment dates and our meet the coaches day.

Payments

On registration day, February 8th, 2015, all players will be required to pay a minimum deposit of $80 which will allow us to order uniforms. Any remaining amounts after this date will need to be paid by the 23rd March. You are also welcome to make part payments on the day of any other fees. There will be eftpos facilities available and activities for the children.

Meet the Coaches

We will be holding a ‘Meet the Coaches Day’ on Sunday 1st March 2015 at 4pm. The meeting will be held at our home courts – at the Epsom/Huntly Recreation Reserve. This will provide the opportunity to meet your child’s coach and others in the team, training dates will also be discussed at this time.
Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to learn what it’s like to live in another country?

Learn a new language? Experience a different culture?

You can have all of this in 2016 - With Rotary Youth Exchange -

If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 in 2015 you can apply now

For further information contact

District 9800 Rotary Youth Exchange

Phone; Vanda Mullen, 0408 109 368 or
Email; vmullen@netspace.net.au

www.rotaryyouthexchangeaustralia.com.au