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K1B Alan Aylward

WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
12th Music Recruitment Night – 5:15pm
14th Closing Date for School Council Nominations
17th College Council Meeting - 7pm
20th WCB Swimming Carnival
21st Immunisation Cards due in
22nd Conveyance Allowance forms due in
28th EMA Applications due in

MARCH
5th Year 7 BBQ
7th Year 9 & 10 Sports Day
10th Labour Day Holiday
17th Year 7 & 8 Sports Day
18th Immunisations for:
Year 7 Boys and Girls
Year 9 Boys
Year 10 Boys and Girls
21st WCB Athletics Day- All Student Year 7-10

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
FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back to what promises to be another fabulous year at Weeroona College Bendigo. 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. I trust that you have all had an enjoyable time over summer. It is terrific that so many of you participated in the Start Up Day sessions 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 through.

Learning Advisor
A Learning Advisor is a teacher who plays a significant role in overseeing your child’s education during their time at Weeroona College Bendigo. After a review of this role we have reformed our Advisory groups to coincide with your child’s core learning group. This means that each Advisor is responsible for the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of approximately 25 students whom they will remain with over the time that they are at our school.

This allows the learning advisors to:
· Develop a strong relationship with their Advisees.
· Develop a strong relationship with parents.

At Weeroona College Bendigo we believe that your child’s education is a partnership between school and home and the learning advisor is the bridge between teachers, students and parents. Your child’s learning advisors is the person you should contact first if you have any concerns regarding your child’s learning and wellbeing.

Learning Communities
Our school consists of four learning communities and your child/children belongs to one of the learning communities where they will remain for their time at WCB.

Welcome New Staff
I would like to welcome the following new staff to our school:
Ms Sarah Trew – Kappen Learning Community Leader
Mr Vern Hardie – Wannop Learning Community Leader
Ms Laura Mow – English/Humanities Teacher
Ms Julie Nicol – Student Wellbeing Leader
Ms Donna Normoyle – HR Administration

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.

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).

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 14 February 2014.

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 14/02/2014. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 04/03/2014. 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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Term 4 | 13th December, 2013

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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.

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. These are the relevant speed limit zones relevant to our school.

- **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.

Some reminders for parents:
- If you haven’t already done so for this year, you may wish to consider taking out ambulance and accident insurance cover for your family. DEECD does not provide insurance for injury or transport costs.
- All visitors to the school are asked to come to the Administration area, which can be accessed from Napier street with car parking available in front of the gym.
- As part of our duty of care, parents wishing to sign their children out of school, during school hours, will be asked to present ID.
- Do you access our school app? WCB has a school app – available for both android and Apple smart phones. Follow this link on our school website for information on downloading our app to your device: http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/?page_id=2264

Leanne Preece
Principal
FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS...

It's My School Too!

Weeroona College Bendigo is committed to a whole school program called 'It's My School Too!' The program is built on the following beliefs:

- Everyone has a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.
- The majority of students at Weeroona College Bendigo support this belief AND live it.
- There is power in a majority to make a big difference for the better.
- It's really not that hard to get through a school day without harassing others!

As part of the program, each Learning Community has their own 'It's My School Too' pledge board to display the names of all students in that Learning Community who have pledged their support to the programs belief statement. This creates a very clear and highly visual reminder to the whole college that the vast majority of students (if not all) do not believe it is OK to bully and harass others.

Students committed to these beliefs on Start Up Day by signing a pledge.

The pledge was-

“All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo Community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed”.

Welcome

Welcome to the beginning of the 2014 school year. It has been a busy, yet exciting start to the year for students and teachers, with classes commencing during some very warm weather last Friday.

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. 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 2014

When planning for the 2014 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 must be Black leather lace up style school shoes or black leather runners. Shoes must be totally black including laces.

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

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

Jason Bysouth and Helen Tuohey
Assistant Principals

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with school charges. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:
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- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students.
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.
* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

To apply, contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.
Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014. For more information about the EMA, visit [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx)

**Conveyance Allowance**
Application forms for Conveyance Allowance are available at the office, or can be downloaded from our college website: [www.weeroona.vic.edu.au](http://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 Office by Friday 22nd 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.

**Centrepay**
Weeroona College Bendigo is now registered for Centrepay. Centrepay is available for any family receiving a Centrelink payment. You can elect to put a nominated amount into your child’s family account held by the college to go towards any school charges ie. Camps and excursions throughout the year. Centrepay is a great way to help families budget for school costs. Application forms are available from the college Office.

**Curriculum Resource Levy**
A number of families have asked for a breakdown of what our College Curriculum Resource Levy covers. While this charge is not compulsory, it makes a huge difference, for our college, in how well we can provide resources for all students. We thank all families who have already paid this charge. We understand it is an expensive time of year for you, and appreciate your diligence in paying this so quickly. Please see below for the breakdown:

**Year 7 & 8 Students**

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**Year 9 & 10 Students**
As it is a little more difficult for Year 9 & 10 students due to electives, a charge of $45.00 is spread between the subjects listed under the ‘Elective’ heading.

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**Absences**
If your child will be absent, please call directly to our absence line on 4433 4911. Students who need to leave throughout the day will need a written note from a parent or a phone call to the Office.

**Country Buses**
This year due to the numbers of the school country buses being full, students who are not approved to travel on these buses cannot use them on a casual basis.
Dashboard Error Message
On Tuesday 4th February an error was made in the new dashboard computer program. This resulted in many families being notified that their son or daughter needed to attend a lunch catch up or detention class. This was not incorrect and I sincerely apologise to all families of the college for any distress these messages may have caused.

SPORT…
Term 1 is an extremely busy term in relation to college based sport. Please ensure that students read the school bulletin to keep informed of meetings, dates and events. All events and dates are on the college based website.

WCB Swimming Carnival
The Weeroona College Swimming Carnival will take place on Thursday 20th February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool. More information will be forwarded relating to this in the coming weeks.

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Athletics
WCB 2013 Athletics Award winner Karly M completed a successful Australia Day weekend, competing in the Victorian Country Championships at Ballarat. Karly continued her dominance in the Hammer Throw taking out the Gold Medal in the Under 18 Women’s Hammer Throw with a distance of 45.41 metres. Karly was also a silver medallist in the Women’s Under 18 Discus with a throw of 30.36 metres and Shot Put with a put of 9.22 metres.

Former WCB Student and School Captain of 2012 Alice G in her first season of Athletics gained a Silver Medal in the Women’s Under 20 Hammer Throw hurling the hammer 29.74 metres. Both Girls train here at the school in the new throwing circles with throws coach Frank Barr.

MUSIC…

Music Recruitment Night
When: Wednesday 12th February, 2014.
Time: 5:15pm.

Come one; come all to the Year 7 Music Recruitment Night. It starts with a free BBQ at 5:15pm. This will be followed with a performance by the Bendigo Colleges’ Symphonic Band. At 6:00pm, parents will be given information about the Instrumental Music Program and then have some fun with their child trying out all the instruments available for tuition and hire.

We look forward to meeting as many Year 7 parents and students as possible. Please return the Music form you would have received on Start-Up Day. It will help us determine the numbers attending for our BBQ.
Difficulties making friends

Often the thought of making new friends can create a feeling of self-consciousness and uncertainty. Although there are lots of different ways to make friends, sometimes people do or say things that can make it a bit harder. Some of these include:

- Being shy and avoiding eye contact.
- People confusing your shyness with being unfriendly.
- Talking about yourself too much and not being interested when others talk.
- Being negative about things.
- Making fun of people or putting people down.
- Telling yourself that there is nothing about you anybody would like.
- If you are having friendship concerns or if you are needing to meet new friends it can be helpful to find some other support or help to talk things through. You might want to consider talking to a person that you know and trust, such as a parent, teacher, student wellbeing team, counsellor.

Making friends

Below we have listed some ideas that might be useful to think about when it comes to making new friends:

- How you have made friends in the past. How does it usually happen and what things do people do to help make this happen? For example: Someone might have come up to you and started a conversation and then they became your friend.
- You might have asked someone a question or commented on something such as how much you liked their shoes. This might have sparked a conversation and lead to friendship.
- You might have met someone at a group activity and really clicked with them.
- Someone might have smiled at you and this made you feel at ease to go up and talk to them.
- The qualities in people that make you like them and want to be around them. Maybe they were interested in you or valued your ideas, or maybe they were funny and made you laugh.
- The qualities in you that might make people want to be around you. Someone may have told you that they really trust you because you listen and care. Or perhaps they loved the fact that you always do what you say you will do and the things you do people to help make this happen? For example: Someone might really click with them.
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- The kind of thoughts you have in your head about yourself that might help you to be open to new people. Have you noticed that if you feel OK with yourself you are more likely to meet people than if you are really down on yourself? It's normal to be feeling nervous but make sure you are kind to yourself!

Julie Nicol
Student Wellbeing Team Leader
FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE...

Immunisation Cards
Immunisation cards for all Year 7's, Year 9 boys & all Year 10's were given out on Start-up Day. Thank you to those who have signed and returned them already.

This is a reminder that we must have all cards returned by Friday 21st February. They must be signed whether your child is having the immunisation or not.

If you have lost your card, please see Melinda or Kelsey in the General Office, there are plenty of spare cards available. Once they have been signed, please return them ASAP to your Advisor. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Sarah Warburton (Secondary School Nurse) on Monday or Tuesdays at the college on 5443 2133.

Being SunSmart.
The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is both the major cause of skin cancer and the best natural source of vitamin D. Skin cancer kills nearly 2,000 Australians each year – more than the national road toll. Two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. The good news is that skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers.

In Victoria from September to April, UV reaches damaging levels of 3 and above; increasing the risk of skin cancer. Check the sun protection times every day at sunsmart.com.au, in the daily newspaper or on the free SunSmart App and use a combination of the five SunSmart steps when protection is needed:
1. Slip on sun-protective clothing.
2. Slop on SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before going outdoors and re-apply every two hours afterwards.
3. Slap on a broad brimmed hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses: make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Remember that UV levels are most intense during the middle of the day.

It is strongly encouraged that all students & staff at Weeroona College Bendigo wear a navy bucket or broad-brimmed hat. These can both be purchased from the school uniform shop or other retail stores.

For further information on being SunSmart or on Skin Cancers, please see Sarah Warburton (School Nurse).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA...

Proof of concession entitlement
All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2014 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement.

2014 Victorian Student Pass
The Victorian Student Pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Student Pass is issued on a myki.

2014 Regional Transit Student Pass
Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited V/Line rail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession myki.

How to apply for a 2014 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass
The application form can be obtained from:
• V/Line staffed stations and ticket agents
• PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 800 007 (6am – midnight daily)
• Online at ptv.vic.gov.au

Students wishing to purchase a Half Yearly or Yearly Victorian Student Pass will be required to obtain a 2014 VPT Student Concession Card, regardless of age, as proof of their concession entitlement. The standard $9.00 fee applies. Students can obtain a Student Pass from a metropolitan premium train station, a myki enabled V/Line staffed station or the PTV Hub at 750 Collins Street, Docklands, and will have their 2014 Yearly or Half Yearly Victorian Student Pass loaded to their existing myki card. If the student does not already have a myki, the Student Pass will be loaded onto a new myki. The myki will be issued on the spot with the myki card fee waived.

Students 16 years and under, who do not wish to purchase a Student Pass are not required to obtain a VPT Student Concession Card but can still get a child myki for concession travel by visiting a metropolitan premium train station, a myki enabled staff V/Line station, a myki retailer, visiting ptv.vic.gov.au, or calling 1800 800 007 (6am – midnight daily). A $3.00 card fee applies.

If you are applying for conveyance allowance, you will need to purchase a yearly or half yearly pass.

SANDHURST HOCKEY CLUB...

Sandhurst Hockey Club Inc. is looking for junior players for season 2014. The junior hockey season starts in April. Games are played on Saturday mornings for Under 11s and Fridays evenings for Under 13 and 15 teams.
Sandhurst’s training is on Wednesday nights. Training sessions and games are all at the Hockey Complex in Ashley Street, Ironbark.

Training for 2014 begins on WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY and each subsequent Wednesday on the sand pitch from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. All welcome, including Hin2H players, come along and try the fabulous and exciting game of hockey with Bendigo’s family-friendly hockey Club. Please also bring any interested friends (new members will need to complete a registration form prior to taking the pitch). Sticks and shin guards are available for new players to borrow if needed. Mouthguards are required.

For more information email the Club at sandhursthc@gmail.com or contact President Kylie Evans on 0438 584 664 or Treasurer Sharon Welsh on 5444 0270.

EPSOM FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB…

Epsom Football (Soccer) Club is inviting you to come to our registration days to join our club for fun, friends and fitness.

Come meet us in the Function Room at the Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve. If you are up to 10 years of age as of the 1st of January 2014 registration days are Monday the 10th and 17th of February 4:00pm-6:30pm. For any questions, you can contact Mark Anderson (Non-Competitive Junior Coordinator) on 0407 850 740.

Email- admin@epsomsc.com.au
mjbomber@bigpond.com

11 years of age and upward -Registration days Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of February 4.30-6pm.

Contact Liz Graco (Competitive Junior Coordinator) on 0417 369 756 text or call any questions.

Email- admin@epsomsc.com.au
lizgraco@hotmail.com

WHITE HILLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB…

The White Hills Junior Football Club are seeking players for the 2014 season. If you are interested in playing football this year, please email whjfclub@gmail.com the club for further information or check out the website. www.whitehillsjfc.vcf.com.au.

U16 Training will commence Thursday 13th February @ 4pm at the Scott Street oval, White Hills.
is pleased to be able to advertise our annual

FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT

THURSDAY the 29th of MAY 2014, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Bendigo Baptist Church Auditorium, 757 McIvor Road, Junortoun

Guest Speaker: Dr Wendy Lawson

MAPSBss(Hons), Gdip(Psychstud), PhD(Psych)
Psychologist, social worker, lecturer, author

Being on the autism spectrum, Dr. Lawson is passionate about the rights of those who so often cannot speak for themselves. Wendy knows what it means to represent and advocate for others. The parent of four children, one of whom is on the spectrum, and grand parent to two gorgeous little girls, the elder also on the spectrum, Wendy is committed to creating a world where individuals on the spectrum can thrive in safety and in peace. Wendy is well known in the Northern and Southern hemispheres where she has toured extensively facilitating seminars and sharing her knowledge, understanding and experience of the autistic spectrum for over 15 years.

Wendy has written many journal articles and books, varying from her autobiography to The passionate mind: How people with autism learn.

Wendy writes:  'There has never been a better time to be autistic. I am excited with the current technological advances that are helping us connect to and understand the world we all share.'

Parents, carers, teachers, students, professionals, teenagers and adults on the Autism Spectrum are ALL WELCOME – DELUXE MORNING TEA PROVIDED!

Any questions? Please email BAAG at info@bendigoautism.org.au or RIAC at scaffald@riac.org.au

It is not necessary to book for this event – please just come along on the day and please invite anyone else who you think would benefit from attending!

Although this event is free, a gold coin donation at the entrance door would be appreciated.

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