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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY
20th
School Council Meeting
23rd
BSSC Information Evening for Year 10’s
27th
Staff Professional Learning Day- No classes on this day

AUGUST
7th
Next WCB Newsletter
CSEF Applications Due
31st
Year 9 Camp Departs- Melbourne

SEPTEMBER
1st
Year 9 Arts Connect Excursion
2nd
Year 9 Camp Returns
4th
Next WCB Newsletter
9th
Elective Information Evening
14th – 18th
Bali Trip
14th – 18th
Year 10 Camp
14th
Immunisations

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

Welcome back to Term Three. Hopefully everyone is managing to keep warm as we experience a colder than usual winter in Bendigo. At Weeroona College Bendigo we are lucky to have lovely warm learning spaces and there is a range of activities and warm spaces available for our students at lunch and recess times.

Staff Matters
As we begin second semester I would like to highlight a few staffing changes to everyone:

- Ms Meryl Hayes and Mr Matthew Reeves are the Merin Learning Community Leaders.
- Mr Tim McInnes is our eLearning Leader.
- Ms Jo Morrish is covering Ms Carolyn Jones’s classes for Term 3 whilst she is on leave.

We wish Ms Christine Edgar all the best as she goes on family leave. Her classes are being covered by current staff at the College.

Biggest Morning Tea
At the end of last term, Ms Kristen Purden organised a Biggest Morning Tea for staff in order to raise awareness and money for Breast Cancer. If you missed the WIN TV news coverage, you can see it on our College Facebook page. https://business.facebook.com/weeroonacollege?business_id=854642344592478&ref=bookmarks. We are up to 972 ‘Likes’ on our page and encourage you to log on follow our news through this platform.

Thank you to the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise (BNDCE)
On Tuesday night, I attended the annual BNDCE community grants evening. The master of ceremonies was 3BO’s Ewan Grant and we had the pleasure of hearing from guest speakers; Gemma Fennell from the COGB with an update on the White Hills Botanical Gardens and the plans for development of the Garden for the Future (see attachment in this newsletter) along with Chris Weir from the Bendigo Sustainability Group. During the evening, our very generous grant of $10,000 for our new shade sails was announced by the BNDCE.

The BNDCE is a partnership with Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco which is directed and managed by local people to assist the residents of Bendigo’s northern districts by:

- Giving the people of our communities the power to make good ideas happen.
- Directing money to projects and activities and facilities to support young people, families and the elderly.
- Implementing a small grants program to lend support to community organisations.
- Actively involving itself in the continued growth and development of the community and to contribute to both the financial and overall well-being of the local district.

College Uniform
At our last College Council meeting, the uniform committee gained approval for the following changes to our student uniform:

- Phasing out of the polar fleece jumper
- Introduction of a navy soft shell jacket (polar fleece lined)
- Introduction of a new polo shirt design.

Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability?
As part of the Victorian Government commitment to make Victoria the Education State, the Department of Education and Training has begun a review into how schools can better support students with special needs – including those with autism and dyslexia. The review into the Program for Students with disabilities includes the opportunity for parents to tell the Department what they think of the current program and how it can be improved. Renowned human rights practitioner and Australia’s former Disability Commissioner, Dr Graeme Innes, will lead face-to-face consultations for the review which is designed to guide and improve our Department’s approach to providing support to students with additional needs. You can get involved by taking an online survey which will be available from September via: www.education.vic.gov.au/specialneedsplan

Your responses will help shape the Education State and encourage creative solutions to providing outstanding special needs education in Victoria.

Leanne Preece
Principal

The BNDCE district includes the areas from in and around White Hills and Bendigo East and north through Epsom, Ascot, Huntly, Bagshot, Goornong, Raywood and Toolleen.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Reports
End of Semester One reports will be mailed to all families in the next few weeks (Week 3, Term 3). Teachers are currently finalising assessment results from Term 2. The report that will be mailed home is a summary of the assessment that has taken place throughout Semester 1. A summary report will be printed and sent home to families four times per year. This report provides a summary of a student’s achievements in each of the AUSVELS domains.

For English and Maths, assessment results are broken down into individual strands. Student achievement in each domain is an average of their assessments for the current Semester.

Parents and students are able to access more detailed, up to date reports with more specific assessment items at any time via the Dashboard. At Weeroona College Bendigo we strive to support all of our families in accessing their child’s data in a timely manner. If you do not have internet access or would like further support in learning how to use the Dashboard, you can book support sessions and internet access times by contacting the General Office.

Student Free Day
Monday 27th July is a Staff Professional Learning Day and students are not required at school on this day. Effective professional learning focuses on developing the core attributes of an effective teacher. It enhances teachers’ understanding of the content they teach and equips them with a range of strategies that enable their students to learn that content. It is directed towards providing teachers with the skills to teach and assess for deep understanding and to develop students’ metacognitive skills.

Teachers and educational support staff will be gaining these insights from visiting a variety of schools and educational venues and participating in a range of learning opportunities. We very much look forward to sharing our new learnings and implementing new strategies in our classrooms as a result of this wonderful opportunity.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

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 21st August. Please note that those students claiming for a public bus pass also need to send in a copy of their receipt of their half yearly pass in order for their application to be approved.

If you have already made a claim this year for a yearly pass, you do not need to complete another form.

Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $225.00 per year will be paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school.

Schools are required to use the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment for expenses relating to Camps, Sport and/or Excursions for the benefit of the eligible student.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which the CSEF payment may be used include:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/incursions
- Music camps or excursions

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, etc.

CSEF forms are available from the General Office and are due back by Friday 7th August, 2015. Please note that we will require a copy of your pension or health care card with your application.

SPORT

Year 7 Boys Soccer
On Thursday 18th June the Year 7 boys competed in the Year 7 Soccer Carnival. This competition was held at the Epsom Recreation Reserve. The team did an exceptional job throughout the round robin competition, before going down to Bendigo South East Secondary College in what was the final late in the second half 2-0. A fantastic result from the boys involved.
Sandhurst Division Soccer Carnival – Year 7 & 8
The Year 8 Boys and Year 7 & 8 Girls Sandhurst Secondary Schools Sports Association Soccer carnival was held at the Epsom Recreation Reserve on Wednesday 17th June. The Year 8 Boys coached by Mr O’Shea participated in a fine manner finishing 3rd in the competition.

The Year 7 & 8 Girls team was coached by Mrs Purden. The girls teamed extremely well over the course of their games, making the Grand Final defeating Bendigo South East Secondary College in the semi-final. In the Grand Final the girls went down to Catholic College Bendigo. Congratulations to all the girls for their efforts throughout the course of the competition.

Justin Sawyer, Dakoda McClennan, Bradley Wignall, Jack Bourke and Ryan Braszell did a terrific job setting up nets, flags and refereeing throughout all the carnivals. Your work ethic and efforts were much appreciated.

Year 7 & 8 Netball
The Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball carnival was held at the Golden City Netball complex on Wednesday 17th June.

All teams participated in a fine manner throughout the course of the day. Thanks to Mrs Stephens who was in charge of the teams throughout the day plus the Senior girls who umpired and coached the teams.

Year 7 & 8 Badminton
The Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls Badminton competition was held at the Eaglehawk Badminton Complex on Wednesday 17th June. All participants enjoyed the day. Thanks to Mr Edebohls for his efforts in relation to this activity.
Year 8 Boys Football Carnival
The Year 8 Boys Sandhurst Division Football Carnival was played on Wednesday 10th June at Catholic College Junortoun. The boys had an enjoyable day playing over 120 minutes of football for the day.

The boys competed well in all their games. Thanks to Mr Aylward for coaching the team and the assistance from Senior boys and VET Sport and Recreation students in umpiring and assisting with the organisation on the day.

Year 9 and 10 Boys Football
The Year 9 and 10 Boys Sandhurst Division Football Carnival was held at Catholic College Junortoun on Wednesday 15th July.

The team produced strong results throughout the course of the day winning games against Eaglehawk Secondary College and Crusoe College and going down narrowly to Bendigo South East Secondary College. The Mr Aylward coached team played a style of strong team orientated football. Well done to all involved. Better players throughout the course of the day included Daniel Keating, Mitch Goodwin, Tom Mckerrow and Bailey Evans.

GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE
Woolworths Earn & Learn
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school. Please help us earn some great resources for Weeroona College Bendigo.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. Stickers or filled sheets can be left in the Earn and Learn box in the Office Foyer or the Global Learning Centre. Thanks for your support.

ADVANCE CLASS
Weeroona College Bendigo’s Advance Program is an elective class allowing hard working students to contribute the local and global community work projects. Our aim is to create positives changes in the community and help those less fortunate. In past years, the class has undertaken projects such as volunteering with the CFA, homelessness awareness projects and working with aged care services. Two years ago, the class travelled to a rural village in Fiji to help repair a church ravaged by a tropical cyclone.
This year, we are planning a similar trip to help a rural village called Natalau to establish a kindergarten. We will also provide the children and community with much needed supplies so they can receive a better education and improved living conditions.

To fund our expenses and provide supplies for the village, our class will be holding a large variety of fundraisers over the coming months. These events will include a Car Boot Sale, Trivia Night, Fundraising Dinner and a Primary School Social.

The class is also holding a raffle for a brand new iPad Mini that will be drawn on the 24th of July. Tickets are $2 each and are being sold during advisory or can be purchased at the school office.

We are appealing for donations to send over to Fiji. The school children in Natalau are in desperate need of necessary items such as books, stationary (pencils, crayons, pens, etc), towels, shoes, sporting gear, children’s clothes and school bags.

Donations can be handed in at the office and collection bins are located in all communities. All donations are very much appreciated and will help our cause greatly.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Term 3 starts off with National Stress Down Day on 24th July - an awareness raising & fundraising event for Lifeline, a 24 hour crisis and suicide prevention support service, and is a greatly valued community resource.

Research shows that 90% of Australians need to stress less and 74% of Australians have reported feeling stressed at work. Stress affects us all at one point or another.

Talking to someone, taking a breather/break, or doing something you find fun can help to bring greater sense of calm to your day. Ongoing Stress can lead to symptoms of anxiety and depression that can become serious and need help. Giving support to a mate in need or reaching out for help is not easy when things are tough. Often the signs are there but it is not always easy to know what to do or how to have a conversation with someone who is going through a difficult time.


Check out the “Stress Down Day” website for some activity ideas to do in your community for Stress Down Day!


Research on sleep shows teens who use more than 4 hours on devices per day are having more trouble falling asleep and are getting less than 5 hours of sleep per night, 4 hours less than the minimum requirements.

Lack of sleep may cause a number of problems including concentration difficulties, mentally ‘drifting off’ in class, shortened attention span, memory impairment, poor decision making, lack of enthusiasm, moodiness and aggression.

For further information on how to help your teenager improve their sleeping patterns, check out the Better Health Channel:


Or contact the school nurse for further information.

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

Fundraiser at Bendigo Stadium
On Tuesday 4th August at 6.30pm there will be a dinner at Bendigo Stadium, formerly the Schweppes Centre, to raise funds for Weeroona College Bendigo’s Energy Breakthrough team.

Staff, students and families are all encouraged to attend, have a meal and a relaxing evening with each other. All support is welcome and greatly appreciated.
SANDHURST JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

With the Ashes Cricket in full swing it’s a reminder that the Cricket season is fast approaching. The Sandhurst Cricket Club 2015/16 season Junior Registration and Family Day will be held on Sunday the 2nd August at Weeroona Oval, Napier St, Bendigo from 3pm to 5pm.

The club is inviting both existing and new players, boys and girls of all abilities in under 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 year age groups. The club will run a MILO cricket program for kids from age 6 and up. We will also field a team in the T20 Blast under 10 competition so there will be opportunities for all ages.

We’d love to encourage as many children to receive all the benefits of getting outdoors and playing Cricket in a friendly team environment. We’d also like to see more girls playing this great game.

We’ve put together a fun family day with fun cricket focused games, sausage sizzle and chance to win some great prizes that include individual coaching sessions from senior coach Craig Howard and a Solar powered watch courtesy of Ruffell Jewellers.

While the registration day is just over 2 weeks away we will be welcoming players up until the start of the season in October.
## BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 26TH JULY

*Second Open Day for the year (11am-3pm)*
- Parents and students will be able to tour the College facilities and gain curriculum information from Learning Area displays and staff.
- Non-government school information session 1:00pm in James King Hall
- Online Enrolment Help Session 11-3pm in college library

## TRANSITION CALENDAR 2015 – 2016

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<td><strong>AUGUST</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday 5th</td>
<td>Bendigo Senior Secondary College Learning &amp; Engagement Coordinators, Careers Teachers, VCAL team members available for Course Counselling afternoons 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm, in Katyil community. PTO booking sheets handed out</td>
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WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

MARKET DAY
CAR PARK SALE

1st of August 2015
9am - 4pm
HELD IN THE WCB STADIUM
383 Napier Street
GOLD COIN ENTRY

Kids activities
BBQ Coffee
Market stalls
Loads of great bargains!
Come join us!

FUNDRAISING MONEY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE ADVANCE
CLASS FIJI AID APPEAL

SITE FEE $10
REGISTER INTEREST-
https://goo.gl/Vv4PI0
35 - Car Sites
The Letter Your Teenager Can't Write to You

Dear Parent,

This is the letter that I wish I could write.

This fight we are in right now. I need it. I need this fight. I can’t tell you this because I don’t have the language for it and it wouldn’t make sense anyway. But I need this fight. Badly. I need to hate you right now and I need you to survive it. I need you to survive my hating you and you hating me. I need this fight even though I hate it too. It doesn’t matter what this fight is even about: curfew, homework, laundry, my messy room, going out, staying in, leaving, not leaving, boyfriend, girlfriend, no friends, bad friends. It doesn’t matter. I need to fight you on it and I need you to fight me back.

I desperately need you to hold the other end of the rope. To hang on tightly while I thrash on the other end—while I find the handholds and footholds in this new world I feel like I am in. I used to know who I was, who you were, who we were. But right now I don’t. Right now I am looking for my edges and I can sometimes only find them when I am pulling on you. When I push everything I used to know to its edge. Then I feel like I exist and for a minute I can breathe. I know you long for the sweeter kid that I was. I know this because I long for that kid too, and some of that longing is what is so painful for me right now.

I need this fight and I need to see that no matter how bad or big my feelings are—they won’t destroy you or me. I need you to love me even at my worst, even when it looks like I don’t love you. I need you to love yourself and me for the both of us right now. I know it sucks to be disliked and labeled the bad guy. I feel the same way on the inside, but I need you to tolerate it and get other grownups to help you. Because I can’t right now. If you want to get all of your grown up friends together and have a ‘surviving-your-teenager-support-group-rage-fest’ that’s fine with me. Or talk about me behind my back—I don’t care. Just don’t give up on me. Don’t give up on this fight. I need it.

This is the fight that will teach me that my shadow is not bigger than my light. This is the fight that will teach me that bad feelings don’t mean the end of a relationship. This is the fight that will teach me how to listen to myself, even when it might disappoint others.

And this particular fight will end. Like any storm, it will blow over. And I will forget and you will forget. And then it will come back. And I will need you to hang on to the rope again. I will need this over and over for years.

I know there is nothing inherently satisfying in this job for you. I know I will likely never thank you for it or even acknowledge your side of it. In fact I will probably criticize you for all this hard work. It will seem like nothing you do will be enough. And yet, I am relying entirely on your ability to stay in this fight. No matter how much I argue. No matter how much I sulk. No matter how silent I get.

Please hang on to the other end of the rope. And know that you are doing the most important job that anyone could possibly be doing for me right now.

Love, Your Teenager

Julie Nicol
Student Wellbeing
July 2015

Dear School Principal

**Parents Victoria Annual Conference**

Tuesday **August 25** and Wednesday **August 26** at Ikon Park

“Public Schools are kicking goals!”

This is an ideal PD opportunity for members of your school. Why not put together a team of parents and staff to attend?

Please pass on a copy of our conference brochure to your Parent Club and School Council President

You and your office staff are the gatekeepers in getting this information through to your Parent Club members, parents on School Council and your wider school community.

Successful school-to-parent relationships can have huge benefits for everyone if schools are informative and advise families of parental education/resources available to them to support their role in their child’s learning and wellbeing.

It is so important that schools and parents work together. Family background and non school factors have a huge influence on a child’s life and education. Our conference will cover a range of topics and will showcase some great examples of ‘public schools which are kicking goals’ – and more.

A Parents Victoria membership form is included with this correspondence. You may wish to consider membership to receive subsidised conference rates, as well as year round benefits and supports for parents and schools. For further information or if you have any questions, please contact the Parents Victoria office or visit our website (www.parentsvictoria.asn.au).

We hope you will support your school community by joining Parents Victoria and by encouraging and funding attendance at our conference this year.

_Sharron_
Sharron Healy
President
Parents Victoria Inc

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Garden for the Future

Garden for the Future is the first stage of the Bendigo Botanic Gardens expansion, as planned by the Bendigo Botanic Gardens Master Plan, 2010.

Inspiring and sustainable plants

The Garden for the Future will be a botanically rich and diverse garden that contains over 500 different plant species. Plants from Australia and from around the world have been especially selected to suit Bendigo’s climate.

Interpretation, including on-site signage and a smart phone application, will allow visitors to learn about the plants and will help them grow more sustainable, beautiful plants at home. The Fun & Fantasy garden will showcase fantastic hedges and living sculptures that will inspire the imagination among children and adults alike.

A place for the whole community

The Garden will be freely accessible for the community to enjoy during daylight hours and will host free civic events such as the Summer in the Parks outdoor music performances and cinema, as well as community events such as Market, Semi-intimate spaces within the ‘Making Connections around Australia’ gardens will be ‘green’ zones for wedding ceremonies and parties. Picnic amenities will be available for everyday use.

Engaging with the next generation

The Garden will be the excursion of choice among schools throughout Central Victoria. Curriculum accredited education programs focusing on sustainability will be held in the Garden.

Why is the Garden being expanded?

In 2010 the City of Greater Bendigo developed a comprehensive master plan for the expansion of the Bendigo Botanic Gardens in response to increasing community demand for a well-equipped, high quality public park. Council adopted the master plan in order to meet the needs of our growing provincial city. The Bendigo Botanic Gardens Master Plan can be downloaded from the Bendigo Botanic Gardens website - www.bendigobotanicgardens.com.au

The Bendigo Botanic Gardens Master Plan is a regional-scale project, which is expected to be funded through a range of sources including all levels of Government, corporate sponsorship and philanthropy.

How is this project funded?

Garden for the Future is funded through a partnership between the City of Greater Bendigo; the Victorian Government and the Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens.

Learn more about the design for Garden for the Future

The Garden for the Future concept design will be on display for public comment from Saturday 14 February until Monday 16 March, 2015.

This is your opportunity to learn more about the project by:

- Viewing the information at the City of Greater Bendigo in Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo Library or the Bendigo Botanic Gardens markets. Semi-intimate spaces within the ‘Making Connections around Australia’ gardens will be premier locations for wedding ceremonies and parties. Picnic amenities will be available for everyday use.
- Attending one of the following listening posts:
  - Saturday February 14, 8-11am Bendigo Farmer’s Market, Sidney Myer Place, Bendigo
  - Saturday February 14, 5-7pm Trove Maker’s Market, Corner Hargreaves and Edward Streets, Bendigo
  - Tuesday February 17, 11.30am-1.30pm Bendigo Botanic Gardens, Scott Street, White Hills
  - Thursday February 19, 10am-12pm Bendigo Botanic Gardens, Scott Street, White Hills
  - Thursday March 12, 11.30am-1.30pm Bendigo Botanic Gardens, Scott Street, White Hills
  - Sunday March 15, 10am-2pm Bendigo Botanic Gardens, Scott Street, White Hills
Garden for the Future

1. Arbour
   - Vine covered arbour
   - Shaded seating
   - Views across the Gardens
   - What happens here?
     - Outdoor functions, day & night time use
     - Catered events e.g. World's Longest Lunch
     - Picnic, host a wedding or party

2. Making Connections Around Australia
   - Collections of plants sourced from all around Australia
   - Meandering paths and intimate pockets of lawn
   - What can I do here?
     - Learn about plants and the environment
     - Picnic, host a wedding or party

3. Promenade
   - Central circuit for walking around the Garden
   - Decorative hedge and plant trellis frames views of the gardens
   - What happens here?
     - Markets e.g. Bendigo local food and wine

4. Fun & Fantasy Garden
   - Fantastic plants, fun hedges, topiary and living sculptures
   - Playful sculpted lawn

5. Amphitheatre
   - What happens here?
     - Outdoor performances and cinema
     - e.g. Summer in the Parks, community events

6. Outreach Shelter
   - Events, outdoor classroom
   - Visitor toilets nearby (including universal toilet)
   - What happens here?
     - Outdoor classes for school groups
     - Community and civic gatherings

7. Making Connections Around the World
   - Collections of plants sourced from around the world - USA, Mexico, Africa, China, India, Mediterranean
   - Meandering paths and intimate pockets of lawn
   - What can I do here?
     - Learn about plants and the environment
     - Picnic, host a wedding or party
With the recent election of a new State Government, find out former Premier John Brumby’s perspective on the State of Victoria, now and since his time in office.

WHEN: Thursday 30th July, 2015
6pm for a 6:30pm start
WHERE: The Foundry Hotel’s Platinum Room
COST: $30 for a two course meal
RSVP by Tuesday 28th July, 2015

All are welcome to attend this special night being organised by the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

Booking Information:
Contact: Tony Plant on 0408 590 589, email: anthony.plant@bigpond.com
Or Rod Spitty on 0402 883 747, email: rspitty@gmail.com
Payment reference: Brumby & your Surname.
Cheques to: PO Box 346, Bendigo. 3552
www.bendigosouthrotary.org.au
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PARENTS VICTORIA CONFERENCE
25TH & 26TH AUGUST 2015
IKON PARK (CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB)

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INCLUDES PRESENTATIONS ON:
THE DREAM TEAM (PARENTS & KIDS TEAM TOGETHER)
THIRD UMPIRE (DISPUTE RESOLUTION)
Match Day one  Tuesday 25th August

5.00pm  Registration
5.30pm  Welcome and Housekeeping
5.35pm  Minister for Education - James Merlino
6.00pm  The Stuff of Legends - Keynote speaker: London Paralympic gold medallist and World Champion cyclist - Carol Cooke, AM
7.00pm  Conference Dinner
Entertainment by Comedian Evan Hocking
10.00pm Close

Match Day two  Wednesday 26th August

9.00am  Registration
9.30am  Welcome and Housekeeping (Opening Bounce)
9.35am  The Third Umpire – Complaint resolution – Russell Rees DET
10.30am  Schools that are Kicking Goals #1 - Bundoora Secondary College – Allied Health Program
10.45am  Schools that are Kicking Goals #2 - Bendigo Senior Secondary College – Netschool, Victorian Virtual Learning Network, Confucius Classroom
11.15am  Creating your Fundraising Dream Team - Mandy Weidmann - Fundraising Directory
12.15pm Lunch (Half Time)
1.15pm  AGM, PV Draft (election of office bearers), Policy, Life membership presentations
2.00pm  The Ultimate Team - How parents and kids can work together to have a healthy relationship with one another – The Reach Foundation
3.00pm  Levelling the Playing Field – Schools and Families of refugee backgrounds working together – Katherine Cooney – Foundation House
3.15pm  Schools that are Kicking Goals #3 – Pembroke Primary School - Embracing and celebrating diversity (working with families from refugee backgrounds)
3.30pm  Afternoon Tea (Three Quarter Time)
3.45pm  Team News - SchoolMate App - Nicola Ramsay - Senior Digital Advisor - DET
4.00pm  Match Ready – Healthy Eating and Physical Activity for Kids - Parents Jury
5.00pm  Conference Close (Final Siren)
CONFERENCE VENUE

Ikon Park (Carlton Football Ground),
Royal Parade, Carlton

Parking
All day meter parking on Royal Parade

Tram
No. 19 Tram from Elizabeth St. Alight at Stop 18

REGISTRATION

Parents Victoria Inc.       ABN  22 989 261 435

Tax Invoice. (Please copy for your own records)

Name  Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms

School/Organisation (if applicable)

Address

Telephone (business hours)

Email

Cost of conference. All prices are GST inclusive.
Please indicate ✓ which sessions you will be attending and if you require accommodation.

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Accommodation
Twin share including continental breakfast & parking for one car per room
Best Western Princes Park Motor Inn,
2 Sydney Road, Brunswick
$85

Extra night- specify date (no breakfast) /2015 $75

Total

Please advise any special dietary or accommodation requirements.
Cheques should be made payable to Parents Victoria Inc. and sent to Parents Victoria, PO Box 25, Wandong, 3758.
Registrations and payment should reach the Parents Victoria office by 17th August. For registrations after this date please contact the office.

Cancellations and refunds: Please note no refunds can be made after the 17th August however substitute participants are welcome.

Parents Victoria encourages early registration for this outstanding opportunity as numbers are limited. Non-member schools wishing to attend should consider membership. Benefits include representation to Education Department re policy & initiatives, information and assistance for parents & parent clubs and schools as well as greatly subsidised rates for conference.
For details www.parentsvictoria.asn.au or email office@parentsvictoria.asn.au
WHAT THE FANS SAY

“Thankyou. Inspirational, reflective and so intense. It was a fantastic chance to meet other like minded wonderful parents.

The amazing presentations at this year’s conference, particularly by the guys from the Reach Foundation and Yvonne and Jodie on differentiated learning, were world class. The whole conference was brilliant, and of an extremely high standard.

Thank you, thank you for providing and facilitating another fantastic experience.

Great conference, so informative and useful, thank you.

Have found the two conferences I have been to absolutely wonderful. Very informative and inclusive. Thank you!! Looking forward to the next one.

It was excellent. I have enjoyed the experience so much – so much information – and so valuable.

Fantastic conference. Feel so excited & positive about what we can feedback to our P&FC and school community.

As an ex-teacher and rather new school parent, I was so, so impressed by the breadth of expertise and considered points of view offered by the speakers at the 2014 Parents Victoria conference. Hearing from those involved at all levels of education, from ministerial level to teachers reframing pedagogy around engaged learning and those working in child and adolescent welfare, the Parents Victoria conference gave me a purview of the education system that is absolutely invaluable to my role as a parent club member and more than that it has inspired me.”

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