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

Student Wellbeing at Weeroona College Bendigo

Students and staff can make a difference. Being cybersafe and a good cybercitizen is primarily about learning how to behave in the online environment. While technical solutions are part of ensuring safety and security, cybersafety in schools depends on people acting appropriately.

Since the beginning of Term 2, a Weeroona College Bendigo Cybersafety Task Group has been formed, consisting of 11 students ranging from Year 8 to Year 10 and wellbeing staff.

The aim of this group has been to gain valuable information about cybersafety and cyberbullying. The group has heard from guest speakers such as Peter Eames from Bendigo Police and Sam Johnston from Headspace. With the valuable information they have received, the Cybersafety Task Group will be speaking to all year levels throughout Weeroona College Bendigo as well as incoming Year 6 students.

The group has also been actively involved in developing a Cybersafety Film Clip with the focus on feeling safe, having respectful and real friends and having people that they trust online. Students have been busy photographing different community members (as per below) to help identify and educate others about the issue of being safe online:

- Russell Jack from the Chinese Museum
- The Bendigo Braves
- The Bendigo Mayor
- Bendigo Police
- Luke Owens
- The Capital Theatre
- Muso’s Music
- Elyse Penaluna
- Margot Spalding from Jimmy Possum.
- Leila Gurruwiwi Presenter, Marngrook Footy Show

Peter Eames from Bendigo Police also presented a session on Cybersafety to all Year 7 & 8 students on Monday 3rd June and ACMA (Australian Communications Media Authority) will be presenting to Year 9 & 10 students as well as staff and family of students at WCB on 7th August.

Parents can make a difference. A new study in Britain has found that telling your parents about being bullied – and parents then reporting the bullying – really does make a difference.

When children tell their parents as well as their teacher that they are being bullied, it is more likely that the bullying will stop. And, by the age of 16, those young people whose parents had reported them being bullied when they were 14 were almost twice as likely not to still be bullied at age 16 compared to those that had not told their parents.

So… reporting bullying does help to stop it occurring and at Weeroona College Bendigo we encourage our students and parents to speak up.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Exchange Program

“Yoú come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world”. This quotation is from Jessica, a 15 year-old who spent 5 months in Italy. Studies have found that high school aged students that go on exchange come back more mature, more willing to tackle problems, and more able to recognize future opportunities. Student Exchange Australia can provide exchange opportunities for your students.

Student Exchange Australia operates programs to 25 different countries around the world, for periods of 2 to 12 months. All students live with a fully vetted host family and attend full time school. The goal is complete immersion, which provides the students with valuable language experience and cultural understanding that will last for the rest of their lives. We work closely with students and their parents to determine the most appropriate program, tailored around the student’s schooling commitments, and we support them through every step of their exchange.

To further make these opportunities available, Student Exchange Australia New Zealand offers a wide range of scholarships & discounts. These scholarships include language, digital, international affairs and indigenous scholarships, and are valued from $2,500.00 up to the full fee of the program. The next deadline for all scholarships and discounts is October 31st 2014.

Further information on our scholarships can be found here http://studentexchange.org.au/programs-overview/discounts-scholarships/. An information evening will also be held on Wednesday the 23rd July for all interested students and parents. For further information, you can call 1300 135 331.

There will be a student exchange information evening to be held on Wednesday 23rd July at the Lakeview Resort – 286 Napier Street, Bendigo, starting at 7:30pm. You will hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Visit: www.studentexchange.org.au
Call: 1300 135 331 or Julie 0457 904 119 for more information

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal
SPORT

Year 7 Boys Football Sandhurst Division
On Thursday 5th June, the Weeroona College Bendigo Year 7 Boys Football competed in the Sandhurst Division Football carnival held at Strathfieldsaye Football Grounds. Although the boys did not make the final it was rewarding to see the effort displayed. All involved appeared to have an enjoyable day. Special mention to Jye F who was awarded the best player for WCB at the carnival.

Loddon Mallee Cross Country Event
Well done to Gabby R, Maddison H, Jordan W, Jarrett M, Tom M and Tallis M who represented the college at the Loddon Mallee Cross Country Championships held at St Arnaud on Tuesday 3rd June. All individuals ran very well on the day. Special congratulations to Madison H (14 year Girls) and Jordan W (14 year boys) who have both qualified for the School Sport Victoria State Championships to be held in Melbourne on Thursday 17th July. Special thanks to Mr Lawrance who travelled to St Arnaud to help participants involved in the event.

Upcoming Sport Events

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BENDIGO SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

As part of their advanced Maths and Science electives, 18 Year 10 WCB students competed in the annual Bendigo Science and Engineering Challenge held on May 22nd. This is now the 6th year our students have competed missing only last year.

The students compete in teams of up to 4 students against students from 8 other Bendigo and Castlemaine colleges. Each team takes on either one full day or two half day tasks which rely on their budding engineering skills as well as their cooperation and teamwork to

VET Sport and Recreation Excursion to the MCG
On Wednesday 4th June, the college based VET Sport and Recreation class took and excursion to the historic MCG where they took part in a formalised tour...
complete. Some of the tasks set this time ranged from building a working hovercraft, designing and testing an eco-friendly disaster proof house, wiring up a cost effective city, to engineering a load tested light weight bridge spanning a set distance.

As in past years the students involved worked together brilliantly and produced some very creative working solutions to the challenges set before them. The students can be proud of their overall 5th placed finish with a special mention given to the Hovercraft team of Tara and Ben and the Eco House team of Lachy, Tallis and Jack who finished second overall in these tasks.


GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE

Author Visit
Last week our Book Club thoroughly enjoyed a visit by Katrina Nannestad, the author of Red Dirt Diaries and the award winning, The Girl Who Brought Mischief. Katrina and our students discussed their latest reads and then had a lot of fun with the Red Dirt Diary.

Katrina kindly stayed after Book Club to do some great work with our primary students.
ENGLISH NEWS

Writer in Residence Program
Over the past three weeks, selected students have had the opportunity to participate in a combined schools ‘Writer In Residence Program’.

Passionate and talented young writers were provided with the chance to get up close and personal with children’s and young adult author, George Ivanoff, who provided students from Weeroona College Bendigo, Eaglehawk Secondary College and Crusoe College with first hand tips on the craft of writing.

Students are hoping to get the time to finish off a piece of writing in readiness for the Bendigo Writers’ Festival in August where they will showcase their work using the new digital technology, ‘augmented reality’. Any other interested students are welcome to submit their writing to Ms Pollard.

MUSIC

Music Week Announcements
With the BIMP Music week only a fortnight away we are delighted to announce this years esteemed Ensemble Conductors………….

Grainger Band will have the privilege of working with Ms Sue Arney. Sue is a very experienced instrumental and classroom music teacher who specialises in inspiring younger musicians. Sue has been guest clinician for the Australian Band and Orchestra Directors’ Association, Victorian Schools Music Association, Victorian Department of Education and Training, and a number of universities including Melbourne, Monash and the University of Tasmania.

Holst Band will be under the direction of Mr Andrew Van Gemert. Andrew has been Director of Music at Viewbank College teaching VCE music, music performance and general classroom music. He is also Musical Director of the Manningham Concert Band and in demand as a conducting teacher and guest conductor of camps and workshops, as well as being one of the adjudicators for the Melbourne Schools Band Festival in the past few years.

Symphonic Band will be under the baton of Mr Simon Brown. Simon will be returning to Bendigo and was a Coordinator and brass teacher of the BIMP for many years in the 90’s. He is currently head of music at Caulfield Grammar where he leads a vibrant music program, teaching brass and directing the Symphonic band. He is a highly regarded musical director and has worked as guest conductor with groups including Melbourne Youth Music, and the Melbourne Schools Band Festival.

String Ensemble will have the honor of working with Mr John Quaine. John is Head of String and Assistant Director of Music at Brighton Grammar School and is a violin/viola examiner for AMEB and is the editor of the Series 7 Violin Technique books and new Series 8 Violin Level 2 Grade Books. He has performed recorded and broadcast with many groups including the Australia Sinfonia, Australian Philharmonic/Pops Orchestra, Melbourne Collegium, Australian Baroque Orchestra, and Australian Bach Orchestra.

All woodwind, brass, percussion and string students should have their registration forms into the office now to reserve their place in an ensemble, but if you haven’t places are still available so get in quick!

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

Enrolments now being taken for 2014
Do you have an interest in aviation? Want to improve your leadership skills? Maybe you’re considering a career in the Defence Force or aviation. Do you love to challenge yourself, have fun and meet new friends?

If you are aged between 13 and 17 inclusive the Australian Air Force Cadets could be for you!
Come along to our information night on Monday 23rd of June from 7:30-9:30pm or call in any Monday evening during term from 7-9pm for a chat at "Passchendaele Barracks" 101 Atlas Road, Junortoun. Call 5449 5546 or 0406 564 663 for more information.

**STEVIE’S SCAM SCHOOL - DON’T BE CAUGHT OUT!**

Loddon Mallee residents reported 119 scams to Consumer Affairs Victoria last year, with the highest number of reports coming from the Greater Bendigo area.

Australians lost more than $93 million to scams in 2012 - but the real figure is likely to be much higher, because so many scams are not reported.

People living across the Loddon Mallee can get handy tips to avoid common scams by watching a fun, informative series of short videos called Stevie’s Scam School, developed by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

The free series is available online and features Stevie, an animated ‘reformed scammer’. He explains romance, lottery, online selling, rebate, rental and investment scams.

Anybody can fall for a scam, but there are certain things you can do to protect yourself:
- Don’t give your financial details to anyone you don’t know or trust.
- Don’t respond to unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls requesting personal information.
- Be aware that banks and other legitimate companies will never ask for your personal details by email.
- Do not provide an up-front payment to a stranger via money order or wire transfer.

If you wish to report a scam, contact Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81 or contact our Regional Offices at Bendigo on 5440 6100, Mildura on 5021 6100 or Swan Hill on 5001 6333.
Parents and Carers, would you like to........

- build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- increase your children’s confidence and resilience?
- listen and talk more with your children?
- understand messages from your children and how to respond to them?

**Term 3, 2014**

**When:** Wednesday 13th Aug to 17th September 2014

**Time:** Arrival and registration 6.15pm  
Sessions 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Where:** CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo

**Cost:** $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)

**Child Care:** Sorry, child care is not provided

**Facilitators:** Ky Gregg and Barb Webb

**Parking:** On site parking available - via 116 Hargreaves St

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.
410 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets

Now Recruiting

If you are aged between 13 and 17 (Inclusive)
Have an interest in Aviation
WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS
MIGHT CONSIDER A CAREER IN THE DEFENCE FORCE
Love to CHALLENGE YOURSELF
And above all, want to have FUN!!!!!!

Come along to our INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday 23rd of June 2014, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
“Passchendaele Barracks” 101 Atlas Road, Junortoun
Or phone 5449 5546 or 0419 519 794 for more information
During this two hour workshop for parents and carers we will discuss:

- The reasons why children get angry
- Understanding your own response to children's anger
- Ways to help children express their anger appropriately

**Term 3 2014**

**When:**  
Tuesday 2nd September 2014

**Time:**  
Arrival and registration 6.15pm  
Sessions 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Where:**  
CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo

**Cost:**  
Free

**Child Care:**  
Sorry, child care is not provided

**Facilitators:**  
Narelle Williams and Marlene McLoughlan

**Parking:**  
On site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

*Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.*
This six week program uses art, movement and relaxation techniques to help school aged children and young people to cope with grief and loss when their parents separate.

Term 3, 2014

When: Wednesday 23rd July - 27th August 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 3.45pm
       Sessions 4.00pm - 5.15pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Janine Stewart and Marlene McLoughlan
Parking: No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Marlene McLoughlan on 5438 1300

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO
HOST AN OVERSEAS
STUDENT?

Learn about another culture,
learn a new language or
perhaps improve your
culinary skills

Hosting – An
Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking
for host families across
Australia to welcome
overseas students into their
home

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331
or Julie
0457 904 119
Join our six session parenting program for parents and carers of teens.

Would you like to learn how to:
- Be better at talking with your teen?
- Be better at understanding your teen?
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop Emotional Intelligence.

Term 3, 2014

When: Thursday 14th August - 18th September 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 6:15pm
      Sessions 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Kate Kerlin and Narelle Williams
Parking: On site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.
Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

Children with emotional intelligence...

- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school

In this six session program you’ll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

Term 3, 2014

When:  Monday 21st July - 25th August 2014
Time:  Arrival and registration 9.45am
       Sessions 10.00am - 12.00pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost:  $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care:  Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators:  Janine Stewart and Barb Webb
Parking:  No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

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