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

National Reconciliation Week
On Monday, Ms Neath and I accompanied our Indigenous students and their friends to Ulumbarra Theatre to celebrate National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. The theme for NRW 2015 was ‘It’s Time To Change It Up’ and all those who attended the celebration were encouraged to share culture, connect with community, stop racism and celebrate Indigenous success at every opportunity.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability. All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer and no student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our principal Leanne Preece on 54432133 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

*For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Australian Scout Medallion Awardee
Congratulations to Gabby Rusbridge who was recently awarded the Australian Scout Medallion, the highest award that a Scout can earn. In order to be awarded this honour, the recipients must demonstrate leadership, organisation, drive, determination, resilience and high-level practical Scouting knowledge in campcraft and hiking. An outstanding result, Gabby.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Weeroona College Bendigo, along with all other schools in Australia, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ready to Learn

Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalised 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.

Our role as a learning community is to equip our students with the skills necessary to achieve their full potential. Part of this is ensuring that students arrive to classes ready to learn. This means that our students arrive to class on time and with all of the equipment that they will need to effectively participate in the learning that will take place. This means that students arrive with:

- Books relevant to the subject being studied
- Pencil case (with pens, pencils and calculator)
- Charged computer/tablet device
- Appropriate uniform for the subject being studied.

I would like to encourage parents to have a conversation with their children to ensure that they have the required equipment to be successful at school. Students who are not arriving ready to learn will be receiving conduct entries on dashboard and appropriate follow-up.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

Camps, 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. Please note that we will require a copy of your pension or health care card with your application.

SchoolMate App

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.
SPORT

Year 9 & 10 Boys and Girls Sandhurst Division Soccer Carnival
On Friday 8th May, the Sandhurst Division Soccer carnival was held at the Epsom Recreation Reserve.

Both the Girls and Boys teams did particularly well. The girls team were undefeated until the final, ultimately going down to Bendigo South East in the Grand Final. Much enthusiasm and improvement was displayed by the girls throughout the course of their 5 games. Well done to all involved.

The boys team also produced fine results throughout the course of the carnival. The boys squad were defeated in the Semi Final in a hard fought and even contest by the eventual winners in Catholic College Bendigo. Well done to all involved.

A special thanks to the cohort of Weeroona students who arrived at the facility at 8:00am to set up all the nets and flags so the competition was ready to start at 10:00am.

Sandhurst Intermediate Badminton Competition
On Friday the 8th of May students from WCB participated in the Sandhurst Intermediate Badminton Competition at the Eaglehawk Badminton complex.

The Division 1 boys came in 1st place with Brayden Torpey, Bailey Goodwin, Joseph Beedle and Tom McKerrow taking part. The Division 2 boys came in 5th place with Bailey Evans, Ryan Miles, Jack Mooney, Hayden May and Jaydon Flynn.

Division 1 girls came in 2nd place with Sally Warren, Courtney Warren, Meg Rothenberger and Georgia Salau. Division 2 girls came in 4th place with Lauren Maloney, Maddison Hartley, Skye Buckow, Irene Makripoulos and Kathryn Hutchinson.

Overall the day went well and everyone participated. Congratulations to all involved. The Year 9 and 10 Boys will now compete in the Loddon Mallee championships held at Eaglehawk Badminton complex.

Sandhurst Division Cross Country
The Weeroona Cross Country Team competed against 9 district schools from our area on Friday 22nd May at Sebastian on a cool but sunny day. The conditions were perfect for our group of 31 runners who represented our College with pride and very solid performances. Weeroona came 4th in the boys aggregate, 4th in the girls aggregate and 4th overall.

There were some great team efforts across the various age groups with runners encouraging each other to achieve their best. The following runners will now go on to represent WCB at the Loddon Mallee Cross Country finals to be held at St Arnaud on Tuesday 2nd June. Well done to these runners and good luck for the next stage.

Lauren White (12-13 Year Girls)
Maddison Hooke (15 Year Girls)
Gabby Rusbridge (15 Year Girls)
Jake Hilson (16 Year Boys)
Adam Dwyer (16 Year Boys)
Tom McKerrow (16 Year Boys)

Loddon Mallee Cross Country
Congratulations to Lauren White (12 year girls), Maddison Hooke (15 year girls), Gabby Rusbridge (15 year girls) and Tom McKerrow (16 year boys) who all produced strong results at the Loddon Mallee Cross Country event.

They have all qualified for the School Sport Victoria State Finals to be held at Bundoora Park on Thursday 17th July.
Loddon Mallee Badminton Championships
The Loddon Mallee Badminton Championships were held at the Eaglehawk Badminton Complex. The team consisted of Braydon Torpey, Bailey Goodwin, Joseph Beedle, Tom McKerrow, Jack Mooney and Bailey Evans.

Throughout the course of the day the squad competed in singles and doubles games against Swan Hill Secondary College, Echuca College and Charlton College. Strong performances by the team saw them win the first round of matches (6-0 against Swan Hill), followed by another strong performance defeating Echuca College 5-0.

This ultimately meant that the final round against Charlton College would decide the winner of the competition. Games were of a fine skill level full of long rally points with Charlton winning, 4 games to 2.

Australian Schools Futsal Carnival
On Wednesday 3rd June, the Bendigo region competition of the Australian Futsal Completion was held at the Bendigo Basketball Stadium. WCB entered a 14 Year boys team and a 16 Year Boys team. Both teams produced excellent results throughout the course of the day winning both their divisions.

Year 7 Boys Football
The Sandhurst Division Year 7 Boys Football Carnival was staged on Thursday 4th July at the Epsom Recreation Reserve. It was pleasing to see all players enjoy the day. Although they were not successful in winning the competition, the boys conducted themselves in a fine manner. Well done to all involved.

MUSIC
‘Snow White’ Play
Drama and Dance Electives have collaborated effectively this semester and would like to present their work in the form of a play called ‘Snow White’. This will take place on Tuesday 16th June at 6:45pm (7:00pm start) in the AT Dingle Performing Arts Building.

Students have worked on refining their acting skills, learning lines and dance routines. They have organised costumes, scenery, sound and makeup and now hope to have a large audience to watch and appreciate their efforts.

It will be a theatrical experience like no other. Come along and enjoy the show. Tickets are $5.00 are will be available at the door.

Individual Music Competitions
On Saturday 30th May, students of the Bendigo Instrumental Program competed at the Bendigo Competitions. Brass, Woodwind, Percussion and Strings students have all been performers at this annual event. Students have worked hard these last months to prepare pieces to a high standard ready for professional critique, travelling to piano rehearsals and honing their skills to give a confident solo performance onstage.

On the day they brushed off nerves and performed for all in the Bendigo South East SC Theatre. Some students were performing for the very first time, and a few of the categories were taken out by all BIMP students! Many students were recipients of awards on the day and all
can be really proud of their achievements both in excelling the standard of their playing and presenting a professional performance on the day.

Congratulations to Mitchell Hartmann, Zac Kimberley, Tom Fletcher, Jaidyn Sheridan, Nick Phung, Favian Winiata-Taylor, Harrison Anketell and Alyssa Spofforth.

Bendigo Competitions
The Instrumental Music students had a very busy day last Friday 22nd May. Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Bendigo Competitions.

The Weeroona College String Ensemble received a Silver Standard Award. The Senior Band received a Bronze Standard Award and The Rock Band received a Gold Standard Award.

The Adjudicator offered positive comments to help our students for future performances making the excursion a most worthwhile experience.

Well done to all our Music teachers for organising this excursion and for preparing the students so beautifully. Certificates will shortly be framed and displayed in the A.T Dingle Performing Arts Centre.

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

Grainger Band will have the privilege of working with Ms Jenny Going. Jenny started her musical career as a trombonist with the New Zealand Navy Band. She obtained a scholarship to study jazz trombone and conducting at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, USA. During this time Jenny toured the East Coast of America with Ska Band ‘Ruder Than You’ and recorded the album ‘Horny for Ska’ with this group on the Moonska label. As an educator Jenny has worked in a variety of schools, and with many curricula, and student abilities. Most recently Jenny worked as Music Curriculum Coordinator at Princes Hill Secondary College in Carlton.

Holst Band look forward to the direction of Mr Shannon Ebeling. Shannon is a strong advocate for community music making and lifelong learning in the arts. He has worked at the Melbourne Youth Music Camp, Border Music Camp and Geelong Summer Music camp as well as being a teacher at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Shannon currently teaches at Geelong High School and lectures at The University of Melbourne, as well as being an education consultant and performer around Victoria.

Copland Band will be under the baton of Mr Ed Fairlie. Edward teaches trumpet and takes several ensembles including the Stage Band, Concert Band and Jazz Choir at Eltham High School. He is also a lecturer at the University of Melbourne where he teaches arranging and tutors in the Interactive Composition course. In 2011-2012 he toured with Grammy award winning artist Gotye playing trumpet and singing backing vocals. 2013 saw him tour with Aria award winning singer/songwriter Julia Stone as a multi-instrumentalist.
String Ensemble will have the honour of working with Mr Philip Carrington. Philip Carrington is an accomplished performer and educator. He has trained and conducted many student and community orchestras, including the Zelman Symphony for almost twenty years, and performed in many solo and chamber music recitals and as a soloist with several orchestras. He has taught violin and viola extensively, and his pupils have developed variously into performers of classical, popular and world music, as well as competent teachers.

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!

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Koorie students at Weeroona College Bendigo gave speeches and played videos about National Sorry Day to their communities this past week. The talks were well received and enabled all students to gain a deeper appreciation of this important day.

Students from year 9 & 10 studying Indigenous Culture ran workshops in Reconciliation Week for Year 7 & 8 Humanities and English classes. These workshops consisted of spoken presentations and activities and covered themes including Indigenous Music, Art, Hunting, Games, Dreamtime stories, Weapons and Food. All the classes had a great time and students really enjoyed being taught by their peers.

STEM NEWS

Makey Makey At La Trobe University
One Friday the 1st of May the Year 8 S.T.E.M. [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] class and a few of the Year 10s at Weeroona went down to La Trobe University.

We went there to show the teachers and principals at the Digi Learning conference the Makey Makey’s we had made and the 3D printing the Year 10 students had created and formed.

One of the more interesting things during the day was showing them how the Makey Makey works, how to control the Lego Robots and the Little Bits electronic circuit making kits. The most important part was making sure they closed the circuit and used the controls correctly. Some people had a bit of trouble understanding how the Makey Makey actually works.

If anyone was curious the Makey Makey is a series of cords you connect to a board and then plug into a computer. You then have to program the recordings or noises you want to be played. If you want to find out more search up Makey Makey on the internet.

At the end of the day everybody had a good time. We got some really great feedback and people were really interested in what we were learning.

Darcy Geddes and Monique Cameron
K8A Students
WEEROONA WORD WARRIORS

The last of the series of debates in the Interschool competition were held at Bendigo Senior Secondary College on May 26th, 2015.

In formidable form the juniors won their debate ‘That all students should learn about a variety of religions in school’. The senior team put in a commendable effort to debate the topic ‘That we should abolish trial by jury’.

Well done to all students involved in the researching, preparing and presenting speeches: Brooke Grenfell, Dorien Gastin, Georgia McGuinness, Taylor Fitton, Kate Stevens, Harry Anketell, Imogen Ford and Caitlin Jackson.

LOTE

The LOTE department is once again writing to inform you of the visit from Jiangsu Secondary School in China and to invite you to be involved as Host families for this group. Last year’s visit was a big success, the visiting students were delightful, and they were all very happy and grateful for the friendliness and generosity showed to them by their homestay families. Feedbacks from the host families also were very positive. They generally enjoyed getting to know the students, talking about life in China, and the students were very helpful around the house. They loved the different activities that were organised.

For prospective new hosts, this would be a good opportunity to get to know and learn about the people and culture of China. It is also a fantastic way of showing what great friendly people Australians are.

There are 16 secondary students (between year 7 – Year 10) and 1 staff member from the school visiting, they will be in Bendigo from the 19th of July 2015 to 26th of July 2015.

As a Host Family you would be expected to supply 7 night accommodation and all meals.

Please contact Mrs Sandra Penna at WCB if you are interested in being a Host Family.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise May community grants program is now open and community groups are encouraged to apply. Full details can be found at www.bndce.com.au
PHOTOS FROM THE ULUMBARRA THEATRE PRESENTATION & GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Closing Date**

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
All students are expected to wear the College uniform at all times at school. The uniform is available through the Dobson’s Uniform Shop.

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

Excessive make-up, nail polish and jewellery are not permitted.

Exceptional circumstances may lead to a student coming to school not in full uniform. This must be clearly explained by written note from a parent/guardian on that day. Students may be expected to change into ‘spare’ uniform items which are kept within each Learning Community. Ongoing failure to comply with this requirement may result in further consequences.

Parents must apply to the Learning Community Leaders with a medical certificate to gain an exemption for uniform items.

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

Families who experience financial hardship in meeting the costs of school uniform are encouraged to contact the College.

**FOOTWEAR** - Must be OH&S compliant
- **Shoes** - Black leather or suede lace up style school shoes or black leather runners that are cut under the ankle. Shoes must be totally black including laces.
- **Physical Education** - Lace up runners with non-marking soles.

**HATS**
- Choice of navy bucket or navy surf hat embroidered with logo.
- Students must wear the college hat for physical education and sport and are encouraged to wear their hat when they are outside.

**OUTER GARMENTS**
- Navy woollen jumper with College crest.
- College Polar Fleece.
- College Rugby Top
- College Spray Jacket
- Year 10 students only may wear the current Yr 10 rugby top.

**SHIRTS**
- College Polo Shirt with crest
- White long sleeve business shirt and college tie.
- Long sleeve navy T Shirt to be worn under polo shirt.

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

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

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT**
- Choice of 2 styles of navy shorts
- College navy track pants
- College navy/white polo top with crest to be worn on physical education or sports days

**OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS**
- College tie
- College Scarf
- Navy gloves
- College Blazer
Musical items by Weeroona College Bendigo and Bendigo Senior Secondary students at 6.00pm. Come and learn about the FANTASTIC opportunities that each of our schools has to offer. All family members welcome.
Questions?

SchoolMate – the easy way to know more about what your child is learning at school.

Now there’s a fast and easy way to find out more about what your child is learning at school from Prep to Year 10. Download the free SchoolMate app for loads of information about their studies as well as tips on what you can do at home.

Every parent should have a SchoolMate – download it now.


Authorised by the Victorian Government, 2 Treasury Place, Melbourne.
Weeroona College now offers students the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program, allowing students to participate in activities, events and other initiatives to develop their skills through the use of hands on inquiry based learning and innovative technologies. For more information on enrolments for 2016 at Weeroona College or the STEM program please contact our office on 5443 2133.

What does it mean to you to be a leader at school this year?

Tom: It means heaps to me, it means I’ll be able to help improve things for generations to come, it means I can help improve people’s day to day schooling lives.

Taylor: Setting a good example for younger generations and being able to make a difference at school and in life in general.

What have been the highlights so far?

Tom: Year Seven BBQ, running assemblies, sausage sizzle and other fundraisers.

Taylor: Building my self confidence and speaking skills, being able to represent the people I speak for.

What advice would you offer younger students?

Tom: Be yourself, don’t change to fit in with others. In the end you will find people like you, who you fit in with perfectly.

Taylor: Be yourself, people will like you for being you, and if they don’t, they’re not the kind of friends you need.
This 6 week baby sign course is designed to improve communication between parents and children, by providing an alternative communication method for children who are preverbal or nonverbal. Open to children of all abilities aged 0 – 3.

Small classes offered in a relaxed setting, focused on gaining a basic understanding of Australian Sign Language (Auslan), using everyday objects & terms familiar to your child.

Hosted by Mim Morgan in Castlemaine and Michelle Mortimer in Bendigo, both are qualified Auslan Interpreters, with lots of experience teaching small community groups and children.

In teaching these classes we aim to spread awareness of deafness and use of Auslan as a language in rural areas.

Bendigo
When: Every Saturday starting 30th May 2015
Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Where: Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub
15 Crook St, Strathdale

Castlemaine
When: Every Thursday starting 21st May 2015
Time: 9.30am to 10.30am
Where: Community house
65 Templeton St, Castlemaine

Cost: Full Cost for 6 weeks $120
Concession $90
(Includes morning tea)

Enquiries:
Mim: mims.r.us@gmail.com
Michelle: michellejm1@bigpond.com
PH: 0428383499

"After having a baby and using Auslan to communicate with her... It has opened up a whole new world of comprehension, awareness, reduced levels of frustration, and development of fine motor skills."

Mim Morgan
Brumby’s Epsom Village currently recruiting!

We are looking for hard working, honest and reliable people to be a part of the team. If you are interested in applying for a position with us, please send your resume along with a Covering letter addressed to

Brumbysepsom@hotmail.com
Change It Up is looking for 14 to 18 year-olds who live around Bendigo.

Are you curious about creating change in your local community? Don’t know where to start?

Do you want to become a young leader and make new friends?

Change It Up will teach you how to make things that are important to you, important to others.

Monday 15th – Tuesday 16th June, 2015
Old Fire Station, 50 View St, Bendigo VIC 3550

Register your interest:
Rory White - r.white@bendigo.vic.gov.au

fya.org.au/changeitup
TRADE EVENT

Bunnings
Epsom
Pre- Opening Trade Event
Wednesday 10th June 4-6pm

You're invited to join us for our Pre-Opening Trade event and a sneak peek of the new Epsom Warehouse before we open to the public! All PowerPass customers have the chance to Win a Fornetto Wood Fire Pizza Oven valued at $898.

Come and meet celebrity guest Nathan Brown & host Tony Shaw. Plus we'll have:

- Door prizes & giveaways
- BBQ and soft drinks
- Trade supplier demonstrations
- Jumping castle and kid's activities

So come on down and see what we're all about.

Venue: Bunnings Epsom
Cnr Midland Hwy & Toma Crt
Epsom
RSVP: Monday 8th June
Phone: 0427 560 244
Email: EpsomBendigoTS@bunnings.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there,

The Epsom Trade Team