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

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Once again this year our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for students offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.

Students at Weeroona College Bendigo in year 6 to 10 will participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous and the survey takes no longer than 20 minutes. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July and the survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting. Last year we used the survey results to plan student leadership and wellbeing initiatives that link back to main messages from the 2014 survey.

Please speak to your child's Learning Advisor if you would like more information.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parking around the school
When picking students up at the end of the school day it is important that parents / guardians adhere to all parking signs. Knight Street has some parking bays that are 2 minute drop off and pick up zones during the beginning and the end of the school day. Napier Street is very busy at the end of the school day. Both the town bus and country bus stops located at the front of the school in Napier Street. Parking is not permitted at the front of the school as indicated by the no stopping signs. If parking on the other side of Napier Street, please encourage students to cross at the traffic lights. It is very dangerous to be crossing the busy road at that time of night. Parking in the staff car parks (both Knight Street and Napier Street) is not permitted at the end of the school day; this poses a safety risk for students that are leaving the school grounds.

Curriculum Day- Friday 20th March
On Friday 20th March staff at WCB will be participating in professional development activities to support the use of the Weeroona Learning Support Dashboard (WLSD). There are three main facets to the WLSD: attendance, conduct and learning. During 2014 we introduced the attendance and conduct aspects of the WLSD to students and parents. Learning Spaces was introduced and phased in over Semester Two, 2014. We are now ready to implement Learning Spaces across the whole college community during 2015. The WLSD will make communication and sharing of information between teachers, student and parents easier, enabling your child every opportunity to shine. Learning spaces will enable us to assess student progress and provide reporting information in a timelier manner online.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

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

The Curriculum Resource Levy includes the following inclusions:

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

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

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

There has been no increase in this levy amount from 2014. While DEECD policy states this fee must be voluntary, it is essential to our school budget.
Levies can be paid in instalments if this makes it easier for families. We trust parents understand how important it is for us to receive this payment from families and how it is essential in resourcing our College.

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

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

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

For more info and how to download and start using the App please see our college website www.weeroona.vic.edu.au

SPORT

Swimming Sports
Weeroona College Bendigo held their swimming sports on Thursday 19th February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool.

It was fantastic to see many students wearing their house community colours which added to the atmosphere of the day. Well done to all competitors and congratulations to all those who won events.

Event winners will now represent the college at the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival swimming carnival, to be held on Friday 27th February at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre.

These are the results -
Junior Aggregate Results -
1st - Wannop (122)
2nd - Kappen (114)
3rd - Katyil (66)
4th - Merin (52)

Senior Aggregate Results -
1st - Kappen (137)
2nd - Merin (126)
3rd - Wannop (49)
4th - Katyil (44)

Overall Results
1st - Kappen (251)
2nd - Merin (178)
3rd - Wannop (171)
4th - Katyil (110)

Individual Age Group Championships – Boys
16 Boys – Luke Barker (Merin)
15 Boys – Riley Leary (Kappen)
14 Boys – Addison Edwards Smith (Wannop)
12-13 Boys – Phoenix Seymour (Katyil)

16 Girls – Meg Rothenberger (Merin)
15 Girls – Nikayla Spofforth (Merin)
14 Girls – Mikayla Shaw (Kappen)
12 - 13 Girls – Justyce Crossman (Wannop)
The Sandhurst Division Year 9 and 10 Boys Cricket carnival was held at the Club Court Strathfieldsaye on Tuesday 3rd March.

The Weeroona boys took on Girton Grammar in the first game. After winning the toss Weeroona elected to bat compiling a score of 6 for 73 off 17 overs. Bailey Goodwin (22) and Jack Bourke (32) batted very well for the Warriors. In return, Weeroona bowled very tightly apart from too many wides and no balls. Jarrett Miles bowled exceptionally taking 4 for 7 off 3 overs. Ultimately the Warriors restricted the Girton side to a total of 8 for 53.

Weeroona's second game was against Bendigo South East Secondary College. Weeroona batted first and compiled a score of 2 for 78 with Bailey Goodwin scoring 42, Jarrett Miles 14 and Jack Bourke 12 not out.

WCB started the bowling effort well, bowling tight and fielding well. Bendigo South East were made to work to pass the total which they achieved with 2 overs to spare.

Well done to all involved and special thanks to local cricket identity Barry Findlay who coached the boys on the day.
FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Immunisation Consent Cards
Immunisations are being held on Monday 16th March. This year all students from Year 7 – 10 will be receiving vaccinations. It is vital that all immunisation consent cards are returned signed either way, whether you are being immunised or not!

If you need help completing the forms please do not hesitate to contact me or you can refer to the Immune Hero website on: http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/immune/immunisation-consent-cards-what-you-need-know

Sarah Warburton
School Nurse

YEAR 7 CAMP
On the 2nd to the 4th of March the Year 7 students of Weeroona College Bendigo participated in the annual Year 7 camp. The three day camp was held at PGL Campaspe and had a focus of helping Year 7 students settle into life at the College, make new friends and get to know teachers from outside their communities. Fortunately we had some fantastic weather which allowed students to chat, talk and play in the wonderful surrounds of Camp.

Students were involved in raft building, canoeing, rock climbing, orienteering, archery, giant swing and flying fox with night activities and games. Overall the camp was a great success with many students meeting other students from outside their advisory groups and began setting the foundations for new friendships.
YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ

Last Wednesday night we had our Year 7 Welcome BBQ. It was fantastic to see so many people in attendance. The evening gave our Year 7 families the chance to hear from our school captains and all of the Year 7 class leaders.

All staff that were present introduced themselves and explained what they taught and families were able to chat to each other or the teachers of their children and get to know each other. This was a very positive experience for all and I thank all of those who were able to attend.

STEM: AN EXCITING NEW PROGRAM

Weeroona College Bendigo's Year 8 Kappen class are involved in the STEM project. STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. As part of the STEM class we are going to the F1 Grand Prix to look for pathways/careers which use these subjects and skills.

In Woods/Metals Technology classes we are making electronic drag cars to investigate speed and endurance, in Science we are using Makey Makeys to learn about electronic circuits, in Visual Communication we are designing logos for the class, in Mathematics we are working on coding and in Humanities we will be completing a video of our trip at the F1 Grand Prix.

K8A are pleased to be a part of the STEM project and we’re looking forward to more exciting trips/activities in the future.

Olivia Boundy & Rilee Coulson
K8A Students

Examples of the STEM logos:

MARKET NIGHT FUNDRAISER

As part of the fundraising for the Language Tour in Indonesia later this year, Weeroona College Bendigo will be holding a Market Night on Thursday 26th March. The night will run from 6:00pm until 9:00pm.

We are looking for stall holders. All stall holders will need to pay a $15 site fee plus a donation to go towards our raffle or Auction.

This is all indoors and all tables and chairs are provided. We will also have a BBQ and cold drinks for sale including tea, coffee and hot chocolate. 2 years ago we had 46 stalls. This year we are hoping for more.

If you are interested in holding a stall or know of anyone else who might be please email the following details to davis.sarah.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

- Business name
- Stall holders name
- Type of product
- Email
- Contact phone number

You will need to pay the $15.00 site fee and bring the gift donation into the General Office at Weeroona College Bendigo by Friday 13th March to reserve your place.

Sarah Davis
Language Coordinator

MUSIC

Instrumental Music Lessons
All students who expressed interest in learning a musical instrument this year should have been contacted by their teachers, given a timetable and had at least one lesson. If this has not happened please contact the Music Department at the College ASAP.

All continuing students should have completed an enrolment form and handed it into the Music Department.

All students should have their fees paid by the end of this term. If there are difficulties with this please contact Sonya Fergus, our Business Manager, to arrange a payment plan. If fees are not paid by the end of Term 1, music lessons will not be continued.

Ulumbarra Theatre Opening- April 18th 2015
Next term our choir will be performing in a massed choir item for the opening of Ulumbarra Theatre on the evening of Saturday April 18th. Choirs and musicians
from several local schools and community groups will combine to perform songs by an Australian composer, Paul Jarman. Students are busy rehearsing at lunchtimes and there will be more after school rehearsals at the theatre in April 14th (4.00pm) April 15th (5.00pm) and Sat 18th at 3.00pm.

This will be a significant historical event for the Arts in Bendigo and we are thrilled to be a part of this.

Therese Johnston
School Music Co-ordinator

WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP 2014

On the 23rd of November 2014, Weeroona College Bendigo had 5 students participate in a fantastic journey which took them to Vietnam for 30 days. Lauren McArthur, Ben Williams, Taylor Fitton, Sian Burke and Jack McEwan along with three students from Melton High School all participated in the World Challenge program ran by our College.

This experience put the students in control of the budget, transport and activities for the entire 30 days. The trip was broken in 4 phases; acclimatisation, project, challenge and rest and relaxation. Acclimatisation saw students arrive in Ho Chi Min City. Hot, humid conditions along with a busy city atmosphere full of more scooters and motorbikes that most people could imagine. Other than the first night of accommodation, everything else was up to the students.

This phase also sent students out to Nam Cat Tien, a national park, for 3 days of trekking in the jungle. Rest and Relaxation phases saw students visit Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Hanoi and other areas of Ho Chi Min. Students had clothing made at cheap prices and took in many aspects of the City.

The project phase was based at an orphanage/aged facility. This included many children and adults with disabilities. Students chose to help with facility improvement, building vegetable gardens and laundry drying area. They also interacted and spent time with the children of the facility. This was very confronting at first however this was the highlight for many of the students.

Challenge and trekking took students to the beautiful valleys of the Sapa region. Rice paddies, steep terrain and beautiful colour of the minority ethnic groups of the mountains.

It is difficult to shorten down the experience, challenges and growth that the students who attended this wonderful experience had, other than to say that the change that was seen in each student was amazing. The experiences I am sure that all of them had will stay with them for a long time to come.

DONUT KING EPSOM

Lee and Shane from the Donut King and Brumby’s Bakery at Epsom Village have been very generous in donating all sorts of donuts, buns, rolls and bakery products as treats for our students and staff.

Those who have benefited include the choir, the maths group, students involved in after school activities, the lunch time card group and various DLG staff meetings.

Their contribution and generosity have been really appreciated and we ask that the Weeroona College Bendigo community supports Lee and Shane and their business.

Therese Johnston and Alan Aylward.
Choir director – Maths Teacher and after school class coordinator.

The World Challenge program will again run in 2016. This will be open for all students who will be in Year 9 and 10 at that time. Information will be coming out soon regarding this. Please feel free to look at the World Challenge website: www.worldchallenge.com.au

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

9.30am Event commences with live entertainment in Dai Gum San precinct at 1-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo

Available for purchase: SPAN T-shirts $15, bandanas $5 and caps $8

10.50am Official welcoming ceremony

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

11.45am Walk finishes at Dai Gum San Chinese precinct

Noon Butterfly Remembrance ceremony

12.15pm Free sausage sizzle lunch served and live entertainment continues.

Also incorporating the annual Central Victorian Black Dog Ride (raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)

Follow event news at www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au

Sponsorship and general inquires: Alannah McGregor
by email at alannah.m.15@gmail.com or phone 0408 541 082
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U12/U13/U14
U16

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
Pam Dawkins BBA Secretary:-
0407 308 392 or by email:bendigobaseball.secretary@gmail.com
The Bendigo Umpires Association has vacancies for both males and females to become AFL football umpires in 2015 – Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires in the Bendigo, North Central and Loddon Valley football leagues.

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- Keep fit and earn money at the same time.
- The BUA has a family friendly environment with brand new clubrooms and functions throughout the season; it is a great inclusive place to meet new friends. We were the “2014 Umpiring Group of the Year”
- You will have the flexibility to choose what days and times you are available to umpire.
- A supportive environment where everybody is given an opportunity.

Football experience is not a pre-requisite; you will receive all the training you require on Tuesday and Thursday night from 5.30pm – 6.30pm at Weeroona Oval, Bendigo. Training is not compulsory, especially for umpires who live outside the Bendigo area.

Join now and help us keep Country football alive.

Email – bendigoumpireassociation@yahoo.com.au or call John on 0458 496545 for more information.
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10am – 4pm

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‘A Day to Remember’ 18th - 29th March 2015
HUNTLY FOOTBALL CLUB
Under 16 & 17 teams 2015

Come and join Huntly Football Club in 2015
a progressive and friendly football club with a country atmosphere.

Training for both the Under 16 & 17 teams will take place at Strauch Reserve,
Huntly between 4pm and 6pm on Wednesday nights from 25th February 2015.
Come along and be part of a Huntly Hawks Football team this year.

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Thursday 11th March.

Come and join us for an entertaining evening at the STAR CINEMA and help support BENDIGO COLLEGES SYMPHONIC BAND - SYDNEY TOUR. Band PERFORMANCE and SUPPER will commence at 6.30pm, followed by a special screening of "PAPER PLANES" (rated "G") at 7pm.

TICKETS: $20 - adults; $15 - pensioners and students, including SUPPER, tea and coffee. Drinks available at bar prices.

To book, contact Deb: datsmine@tpg.com.au 0425-739-167

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Come and Join the Fun at a Trivia Night

on Monday 23rd March 2015 in the Eaglehawk Town Hall at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

Make up a table of six or less.
(NB More than 6 to a table not accepted)
Major and minor prizes
- Mystery lollipops $5; Silent Auction

Admission: $15.00 each
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