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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

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

APRIL

4th Last Day of Term 1- 2:30pm finish
21st Easter Monday
22nd First Day of Term 2
23rd Parent Student Teacher Conferences (pm)
24th Parent Student Teacher Conferences (am)
25th Anzac Day

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

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.

Term 1 | 7th March, 2014
FROM OUR PRINCIPAL…

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers to represent them as student leaders at Weeroona College Bendigo.

College Captains
★ Milly B
★ Tallis M

College Vice Captains
★ Georgia C
★ Ethan C

The following students are those who meet as SRC/Student Voice once every three weeks and who represent their Learning Community. They report on any issues, questions, ideas etc. from their Learning Community at these meetings.

SRC/Student Voice:
★ Milly B (College Captain)
★ Tallis M (College Captain)
★ Ethan C (College Vice Captain)
★ Georgia C (College Vice Captain)
★ Ellymay A (College Council Student Representative)
★ Tara G (Kappen)
★ Jazz F (Wannop)
★ Emily I (Katyil)
★ Lewis E (Katyil)

The following students are Learning Community class representatives and are to meet once per fortnight during Advisory to discuss any issues, queries, ideas etc. that are to be tabled at SRC via their LC Student Leader/s.

Class Representatives
Wannop:
W7A - Harry A
W7B - Amber S
W8A - Jack B
W9A - Maddi F
W1A - Lucy H
W1B - Jazz F

Katyil:
L7A - Kyle W
L7B - Katie K
L8A - John W
L8B - Tyson T
L9A - Taylor F
L1A - Emily I

Kappen:
K7A - Kogi G
K8A - Mikaylah S
K8B - Kyesha V
K9A - Cameron P
K9B - Jarrod R
K1A - Tara G
K1B - Tallis M

New suspension and expulsion procedures
Every member of our school community has the right to feel safe at school. As a parent or carer you should be confident that you are sending your child into a safe and supportive learning environment at Weeroona College Bendigo.

Suspension and expulsion are serious disciplinary measures and will be used as a last resort in managing a student’s behaviour.

As of 1st March 2014 changes have been made to how suspension and expulsion processes work.

The grounds for suspension and expulsion have also been updated to better enable principals to prevent and respond to behavioural incidents that may compromise the health, wellbeing and safety of staff and students.

For more information on suspension and expulsion processes, see:
- Procedures following suspension brochure.
- Procedures following expulsion brochure.

This information is also available on our school website under Policies: http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/

The importance of full time attendance
A reminder to all families that schooling is compulsory for young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that Weeroona College Bendigo students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.
Our students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student. Are you supporting your child to attend school and making the most of their opportunities?

Attitudes to School Survey
WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Once again this year Weeroona College Bendigo is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for our students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. 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 in Grade 5 to Year 10 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Tuesday 22 April to Friday 10 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. Our schools survey results will be communicated to parents through the annual reporting process. Please contact the College if you would like more information.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL…

Students before and after school
At Weeroona College Bendigo our College values are Respect, Integrity and Personal Excellence. These are the values that we expect all students to be displaying not only when they are in the classroom and the school yard, but also when travelling to and from school.

Respect
“Treating people and things the way we would like to be treated ourselves.”

Integrity
“Acting honestly and in a trustworthy manner.”

Personal Excellence
“Doing the best we can by always challenging ourselves.”

After School Catch up and after school detention
I would just like to remind parents and students that we hold after school catchup classes and after school detentions on Wednesday nights from 3:30 to 4:15pm in Merin Learning Community. Students are notified of the after school sessions by Learning Community Leaders and also using the Weeroona Learning Support Dashboard. Parents should be receiving an SMS with the details regarding the after school class.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

SPORT…

Weeroona College Bendigo Swimming Carnival 2014

Weeroona College Bendigo held their swimming sports on Thursday 20th February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool. It was fantastic to see many students wearing their 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. Well done also to the VET Sport and Recreation students who did a terrific job in setting up, packing away and their general help throughout the course of the day.

These are the results:

Junior Aggregate Results
1st - Kappen (98 points)
2nd - Merin (77 points)
3rd - Wannop (72 points)
4th - Katyil (65 points)

Senior Aggregate Results
1st - Kappen (117 points)
2nd - Merin (71 points)
3rd - Wannop (66 points)
4th - Katyil (44 points)

Overall Results
1st - Kappen (215 points)
2nd - Merin (148 points)
3rd - Wannop (138 points)
4th - Katyil (109 points)

Individual Age Group Championships
Boys:
16 Boys – Harry B - Katyil
15 Boys – Adam D - Kappen
14 Boys – Riley L - Kappen
12-13 Boys – Addison E - Kappen
Below are the individual winners of each particular event, and the individuals who represented Weeroona College Bendigo at the Sandhurst Division Championships held on Friday 28th February at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre.

**12-13yo Girls**
- 50m Freestyle: Mikayla S
- 50m Backstroke: Mikayla S
- 50m Breaststroke: Mikayla S
- 50m Butterfly: Caitlin J
- 50m Freestyle Relay: Mikayla S, Michigan S, Mary B, Amber W
  (Emergency: Amber S)

**12-13yo Boys**
- 50m Freestyle: Aaron M
- 50m Backstroke: Addison E
- 50m Breaststroke: Kyle W
- 50m Butterfly: Bevan T
- 50m Freestyle Relay: Aaron M, Addison E, Kyle W, Bevan T
  (Emergency: Ryan W)

**14yo Girls**
- 50m Freestyle: Nikayla S
- 50m Backstroke: Nikayla S
- 50m Breaststroke: Nikayla S
- 50m Butterfly: Irene M
- 50m Freestyle Relay: Nikayla S, Caitlin H, Charlie L, Reese M
  (Emergency: Alycia A)
**14yo Boys**
50m Freestyle- Riley
50m Backstroke- Riley L
50m Breaststroke- Kieren T
50m Butterfly- Fletch D
50m Freestyle Relay- Riley L
Flynn L
James R
Kieren T
(Emegency: Caleb P)

**15yo Girls**
50m Freestyle- Bridie L
50m Backstroke- Meg R
50m Breaststroke- Meg R
50m Butterfly- Michaelia P
50m Freestyle Relay- Bridie L
Meg R
Emma D
Carlin P,
(Emegency: Avalon B)

**15yo Boys**
50m Freestyle- Adam D
50m Backstroke- Adam D
50m Breaststroke- Adam D
50m Butterfly- Adam D
50m Freestyle Relay- Adam D
Dallas B
Jack M
Kane M
(Emegency: Lachlan C)

**16yo Girls**
100m Freestyle- Georgia C
50m Freestyle- Calista M
50m Backstroke- Calista M
50m Breaststroke- Calista M
50m Butterfly- Calista M
50m Freestyle Relay- Calista M
Georgia C
Bree P
Sam G

**16yo Boys**
100m Freestyle- Nathan J
50m Freestyle- Harry B
50m Backstroke- Harry B
50m Breaststroke- Harry B
50m Butterfly- Tyler P
50m Freestyle Relay- Harry B
Nick H
Jacob T
Trent D
(Emegency: Bailey V)

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**GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE…**

**Invitation to Share our Library of Books**
It has been wonderful to see students so enthusiastic about the books they are reading. They are then persuading other family members to also read them. We are very happy to have parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers sharing a reading experience with our students.

It is with this in mind that we invite you to visit us in the library up until 4:00pm Monday to Friday to borrow from our shelves. We would also like to set up a book exchange for parents. There are many great books gathering dust on our shelves at home that other readers would enjoy. If you have a book you have finished bring it along and swap it for a new read.

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**MUSIC**

All students who are interested in learning a musical instrument this year should have handed in an enrolment form, met the teacher, received at least one lesson, paid a $90 deposit and received a time-table of music class times. There are still places available for percussion, flute and violin instruments.

If there are financial difficulties, please contact the General Office to discuss a payment plan.

*Therese Johnston*
*School Music Coordinator*

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**FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

**Melanoma March**

Many people don’t realise that melanoma is a young person’s cancer. In fact, melanoma affects more people aged 15–39 years old than any other cancer in Australia. Australia has the highest incidence of melanoma in the world.

Although melanoma is typically associated with the sun, we now know that UV is not the only cause of melanoma, and that genetics can also have a crucial influence on its development and progression of the disease.
How can I minimise my risk of melanoma and other forms of skin cancer?
The simplest and most effective way to reduce your chance of developing melanoma and other types of skin cancer is to protect your skin from the sun.

- Seek shade; sun can reflect off surfaces such as water, sand and concrete causing sunburn.
- Wear clothing that covers at least your back, shoulders, arms and legs.
- Wear a broad brimmed hat.
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses to protect both your eyes and the delicate skin around your eyelids.
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen, with SPF of at least 30+, every 2 hours.

Melanoma touches more than the people diagnosed; it forever affects the lives of those survivors, friends, family and colleagues. Melanoma March is a chance for us to remember those we have lost to melanoma, support those currently being treated, and inspire all Australians to take action against melanoma and be part of the cure.


For further information regarding being Sun Smart or Melanomas, please refer to the websites provided or you can contact the school nurse, Sarah Warburton on a Monday or Tuesday on 5443 2133.

Does your child stutter?
Opportunity for treatment

The Department of Human Communication Sciences at La Trobe University provides a world-renowned best-practice treatment for people who stutter. This treatment will be offered again this year in Bendigo. It will be collaboration between the La Trobe Rural Health School, the Catholic Education office and the Department of Education.

The Intensive Fluency program will be for adolescents (aged 10 years and older) from Bendigo and surrounding regions. This initiative has had significant success for over 20 years in Melbourne and now we are delighted to offer the opportunity to students in the Bendigo area to benefit from the treatment. The program is provided by final year speech pathology students and experienced clinical supervisors.

The program will be conducted in July and we are currently inviting expressions of interest for young adolescent stutterers to be involved in this exciting initiative. Parents of interested students are invited to consider this opportunity.

If you have any questions or would like your child to be involved in the program, please forward expressions of interest to:

Madeline Leyden, Speech Pathologist, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
Phone: 5438 1254.

Sheryn Long, Senior Speech Pathologist, Catholic Education Office.
Phone: 5443 2377

FROM OUR WELLBEING TEAM

Social Networking and the Risks
Social networking has opened up lots of opportunities to interact with people but it also comes with risks. Below are some of the risks to be mindful of:

- Your personal information can potentially be seen by anyone, anywhere - this means your information can be viewed by friends, family, strangers and even potential employers. Take a minute to think about how that employer might judge your Facebook page. Is there anything there that you know you would not want them to see?
- Once content is posted, it can be available for a very long time - even when comments or photos are deleted from your social networking pages, it is still possible for other people to access them through internet search engines.
- Sexual predators - these are people who knowingly choose children or young adults to make contact with to try to engage in sexual contact.
- Identity fraud - these people search various sites and gather enough information about a person to steal their identity. This is usually so they can conduct things like financial fraud.
- Trolling - this is when someone misuses social websites to cause harm to other individuals or groups. One example is from 2008, when a UK man was ordered to pay about $35,000 (Australian) for libel and breach of privacy for creating a fake page on Facebook, suggesting an old school friend was dishonest and had gender issues.

Protect your personal information
To reduce online risks it is important to consider what personal information you share with others and what information should remain private to you. It is important never to share your:
- Home address
- Phone number
- School name or address
- Information about workplace
- Sporting clubs or groups that can be easily identified

This personal information can make you easily found in the real world and can also lead to identity fraud.

Privacy Settings
Choose what information you want people to see. Get to know what the different privacy settings mean and...
update them regularly. Also, be mindful that social networking sites can change their privacy settings and you won't always know this has happened.

Julie Nicol  
Student Wellbeing Team Leader

It’s GOOD to fail!
The article below was originally a blog post from psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg from a couple of years back. He always has good stuff to say. There is more here if you are interested.


An increasingly large number of Aussie parents are hesitant to set limits or boundaries, use moral language or enforce consequences when their kids make bad choices. Now, this permissive parenting is being compounded by a segment of the parenting population who have an almost pathological desire to protect their children from disappointment and failure – presumably because they are frightened of challenging them or placing too much pressure on them to succeed.

Working hand in hand with some schools, in their zeal to shield these young people from discomfort, disappointment and distress, there is a tendency to overcompensate by swathing them in metaphorical cotton wool.

Whether it is not allowing actual scoring at football - because we can't have a losing team, or awarding participation ribbons rather than first, second and third prizes to 'minimise' competition, or giving every child a 'satisfactory grade' at school – young people are being lulled into the mistaken belief that life is all sweetness and light. This rose coloured glasses view of life is not just wrong but ultimately unhelpful.

The truth is that all of life's important lessons are usually accompanied by a degree of grief, pain and suffering. Young people need to learn that life is not always fair and that bad things sometimes happen to good people.

When you take away the ability to win and lose, where is the incentive to achieve and get better? We remove the capacity for them to develop resilience and the ability to face, overcome and be strengthened by adversity. How will these children learn to associate effort with outcome?

The result could be a generation of young people incapable of assuming adult responsibility with no idea how to handle the routine challenges of life, making them risk-averse, psychologically anaemic, and riddled with fragility and anxiety.

Last time I looked, failure and experimentation were the true architects of success. The inventor of the light bulb, Thomas Edison, once said: “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” If parents and schools try to remove failure from the equation should we be surprised at record levels of anxiety and depression, such as ‘looney tunes’ practices could be the hidden psychological fault lines for the next generation.

As a school child, if I or my fellow students complained about something - we had a teacher - ironically called - Mr Cherry who would say - “You'll live. If not, you'll die. Either way, problem solved.”

Sometimes young people need to feel badly…we learn through experiencing both good and bad. It is through failure we learn how to cope, bounce back, improve and get on with life.

Supporting Chaplaincy in Bendigo State Schools
You and your friends are invited to The Star Cinema, Sailor’s Gully Road, Eaglehawk to enjoy for the first (or maybe Second Time!)……

“Philomena”

When: Saturday 5th April 2014  
Time: 1:30pm with light refreshments following the film.  
Cost: $18.00

As a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena Lee fell pregnant and was sent to a convent – a ‘fallen woman’. For three years after her son was born she cared for him there. Then the Church took him away and sold him, like countless others, for adoption in America. This is the story of Philomena and her search for the son she never stopped loving. It is a tale of lives scarred by hypocrisy and secrecy, a compelling narrative of human love and loss – heartbreaking, yet ultimately redemptive.

Stars include: Judi Dench and Steve Coogan

RSVP with payment by Thursday 3rd April to Ray Harvey, 9 Samuel Court, Bendigo, Ph 5442 1732
YEAR 7 FAMILY WELCOME

It was great to see so many of our year seven families, students and staff attend our Year 7 Family Welcome on Wednesday afternoon.

BENDIGO YOUTH CHOIR

The Bendigo Youth Choir is a community choir. Membership is open to boys and girls ranging from the ages of 5 to 23.

The Performing Choir and the Reserve Choir practise on Wednesday evenings at St Andrews Uniting Church Hall, Myers Street, Bendigo.

Mrs Valerie Broad, OAM, established the Bendigo Youth Choir in 1984. Membership was open to all young people with a love of singing; no-one was turned away. That philosophy is alive and well in the choir today.

The Bendigo Youth Choir has performed and toured throughout Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland; Canada, Western Samoa, Czechoslovakia, Austria and America, as well as community events in and around Bendigo.

If you have a love of music and a passion for singing, find our contact details at www.bendigoyouthchoir.org.au or write a letter to Bendigo Youth Choir, P.O. Box 667, Bendigo, 3552.

For 2014 auditions, phone Penny Goonan on 5443 0881 or Valerie Broad on 5447 7212.

SENJUNS HOCKEY CLUB

Come’n’Try and Registration night

Any juniors who wish to play hockey for the 2014 season are invited to join SENJUNS Hockey Club.

When: Wednesday 5th March @ 5:30pm.
Where: HCV Hockey Fields, Garden Gully Hockey Complex, 14 - 30 Ashley St, Ironbark Victoria, 3550.

Training for Seniors is Wednesday nights from 6:30pm. Senior Fess are $290.00. Fees for Uni Students are $215.00 and for Juniors it is $150.00. Family discounts apply.

Further information: Please Contact Suzanne 0408 031 260 or Maree on 0407 093 301 a/h

SOUTH BENDIGO FNC

South Bendigo Football Netball Club are looking for more players for their Junior Division. There are still vacancies in the following age groups - U9’s, U10’s, U12’s, U14’s & U16’s.

If you are interested in joining the “BLOODS” please contact:

Brent Bogaski: 0448 050 588 bogaski@hotmail.com
Damian Miles on 0423 828 837
The Suicide Prevention Awareness Network suicide walk on March 23 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. The walk will be approximately 3 km.

9.30am: Registration opens in Dai Gum San Chinese precinct at 1-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo. $15 with SPAN walk T-shirt. Free with no T-shirt.

10.50am: Official welcoming ceremony.

11am: SPAN suicide awareness walk starts.

Noon: Walk finishes at Dai Gum San Chinese precinct.

12.30pm: Official speeches by guest speakers and Butterfly Remembrance ceremony.

12.40pm: Free sausage sizzle lunch served.

12.40pm: Entertainment provided by Mez Whittle and the Castlemaine Pipe Band.

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
16 March 2014, 10am - 4pm
Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills

Come along and sample the best food and wine the region has to offer.

Sample regional delights from local producers and wineries or build the perfect picnic spread from our hawker style restaurant stalls and craft beer bar.

For tickets please call the Bendigo Visitor Centre on 1800 813 153 or visit www.foodfossickers.com.au
Become A Volunteer Host Family

Make Your Place Their Second Home
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in July:
Sixtine (16) from France is full of excitement about discovering a new school system, a new culture and a becoming a member of an Australian family. Sixtine has a wide range of interests, including horse-riding, reading, painting/drawing, spending time with friends, watching movies and playing boardgames.

Kalle (17) from Finland is an accomplished cellist and pianist. He enjoys school and hopes to become a lawyer. Also a keen sportsman, Kalle loves running, golf and skiing. Both of his sisters have been exchange students and Kalle can't wait to have his own exchange experience in Australia.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!
It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!
Rebel Sports are offering 20% off all soccer gear for those that sign up on the night (Must be on full ticket price items)

Date: 7th March 2014

The Eaglehawk Soccer Club is calling for all junior players current and new to attend a sign up day at Rebel Sports Kangaroo Flat on March 7th from 4:30 till 7pm

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Junior Coordinator

Michael McKechnie

Phone: 0421 327 157
Email: eaglehawksoccerclub@bigpond.com

Dahlia & Arts Festival
Sunday Family Day
Sunday March 16th 2014
10am till 3pm
Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk.

The Eaglehawk Soccer Club will be having a come and try day.
Come and join in on the FREE Fun skills clinics for all the family.