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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 are well into term two and so many things have been happening that it is difficult to know where to begin.

Family Engagement with school
Thank you to all parents and students who made the recent Student/Parent/Teacher conferences a priority. Research shows us that family engagement is a dynamic and interactive process that demonstrates a clear pathway to student success and should be:
1. A shared responsibility amongst families, community organisations and schools.
2. Continuous throughout a child’s life.
3. Occur across all of the settings and contexts in which a young person grows and learns.

Student/Parent/Teacher conferences are an important component of ongoing home-school communication and family involvement in school as regular participation can lead to improvements in attitude toward school, which increases attendance and academic performance.

The other way of being able to communicate with our school is through our new on-line learning platform, Compass. Have you logged on and checked out what it is all about or do you still need to contact the College to find out your log in details? A reminder to keep your log in details separate to those of your children for security purposes.

Free Film Screening – Most Likely to Succeed
To celebrate Education Week there will be a free screening of the new feature length edu-documentary ‘Most Likely to Succeed’ at Ulumbarra Theatre, 5:30 to 7.00pm on Monday 16 May. This inspirational film explores the possibilities for education when opportunities to have a stronger agency over their learning are provided. The movie looks at how one school has adopted a fresh approach to educating their students with great results.

This award winning film reaffirms some of the great things we are doing in our schools across Bendigo and raises questions about what else we could be doing. Following the film there will be a panel discussion feature Bendigo school principals, education system leaders, students and industry leaders. Bookings can be made via Capital Box Office on: 5434 6100 or at www.gotix.com.au for your free tickets.

CONGRATULATIONS to staff member Judy Kidman who has been recognised by The Department of Education for 50 years of service to education. This is an outstanding achievement for a dedicated teacher who we have had the pleasure of having on our staff for 14 years.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The shop before school
Throughout the course of this year there has been an increasing number of displeasing incidents occurring before school at the shop. Some students have been involved in general poor behaviour.

This has resulted in complaints from parents, the community and the shop owner. Students that are congregating before school are not displaying our college values of respect, integrity and personal excellence. It is for these reasons that there has been a clamp down on students hanging out at the shop before school. It is expected that students come directly to school in the morning. Once students arrive at school, whether this is by bus, car or bike they should not be leaving the school grounds to head to the shop. I must admit that I am also really concerned by the number of students that come to school without eating breakfast in the morning and then substitute something healthy with sugary soft drinks, energy drinks, potato cakes and chips and gravy. I would like to request that parents/guardians reinforce the importance of eating a healthy breakfast and support the school in trying to stamp out any unsocial behaviour which may occur on the way to and from school.

Students feeling ill whilst at school
There have been an increasing number of students messaging and calling parents directly when they are feeling ill. This makes it very difficult for the office to manage. If students are feeling unwell, they should let the classroom teacher know that they are feeling sick and they will be directed to come to the General Office. First aid trained staff in the office will then be able to contact home and arrange for any students that are unwell to be collected. I request that parents/guardians support the school by reinforcing this message with your children. Also please note that students must be signed out before they leave the school grounds. Only people who are listed on the students contact details in the office are able to sign students out of the college.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

Conveyance Allowance - Term 2 Applications/Claims
Application Forms are available from our website: www.weeroona.vic.edu.au or from the General Office. We require a new application for each eligible student, (siblings are able to be on same form), and the receipt of their half yearly or full year pass. Applications close on the 27th May, 2016. If you have already claimed a half year pass or full year pass in Term 1, you will not have to re-apply in Term 2.
Student Accident Insurance
Please note the College is no longer offering the option of purchasing Student Accident Insurance through the Curriculum Resource Levy.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
Those parents with a healthcare or concession card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. This amount is $225.00 and can be used for any camps, sports or excursions throughout the school year. Please note this money cannot be used for other school charges.

Application forms must be filled out and returned to the General Office with a copy of your health care or concession card by 3rd June, 2016. Application forms can be found at the office.

SPORT

Sandhurst Division Soccer - Year 9 And 10
On Tuesday 3rd May the Sandhurst Division Soccer carnival took place at the Epsom Recreation Reserve. The day was very windswept, cold and even wet by the end of the day. These conditions did not quell the enthusiasm of both the boys and the girls team.

The WCB girls displayed defined improvement throughout the course of the day. After losing their first game they went on to win their next game against Marist College and then narrowly went down to the squad from Eaglehawk Secondary College. All girls involved were very good in their approach. Well done to all involved.

The Year 9 and 10 Boys side started the day a little rusty but slowly developed into a cohesive unit. Ultimately the team made it to the semi-finals where they were drawn to play Bendigo South East Secondary College.

WCB struck first with a fine goal, BSE struck back to level the scores at half time. A fantastic free kick resulted in a goal to WCB. This goal would see Weeroona home, reaching the final to be played against Girton Grammar.

The final was played in hectic conditions with both teams defending well. At the end of full time scores were 0-0. The penalty shootout saw great goal keeping from Jack Bourke and clinical striking from all WCB penalty takers. WCB won the grand final through a shootout 5-3.

WCB will now represent the Bendigo district at the Loddon Mallee Finals to be played at Epsom Recreation Reserve on Monday 23rd May.

Weeroona College Bendigo Cross Country
The WCB Cross Country was held at Lake Weeroona on Thursday 5th May. Well done to all students who participated. The first five place getters will now represent the college at the Sandhurst Division Cross Country at the Sebastian Harness Club on Tuesday 17th May.

12 – 13 Girls
1st - Lauren White
2nd – Eva Barnstable
3rd – Hayley-Jade Jackson

12 – 13 Boys
1st – Kane Ralston
2nd – Ku Moo
3rd – Zac Knapman
4th – Tom Fleming
5th – Harrison Jensen

14 Girls
1st – Abbey Hromenko
2nd – Cassie Sanderson
3rd – Kaili Biggs
4th – Latisha Young
5th – Angela Teresi
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14 Boys
1st – Su Mu Poe
2nd – Kody Austin
3rd – Julian Langtree
4th – Khy Sawyer
5th – Dylan Egan

15 Girls
1st – Sarah Bateson
2nd – Linden Pike

15 Boys
1st – Mark Ralston
2nd – Cameron Reid

16 Girls
1st – Maddison Hooke
2nd – Gabby Rusbridge
3rd – Jessica Saffron

16 Boys
1st – Luke Hartland
2nd – Zac Ferguson
3rd – Jack Bourke
4th – Justyn Sawyer
5th – Xavier Salm

Once these have been processed by the school, additional paperwork is mailed to the employer in preparation for the week of Work Experience. These steps are mandatory under Government and Workplace Legislation.

Students who have not made arrangements or who have not had their placement approved in time will be required at school for the last week of Term 2.

Please take the time to discuss this valuable learning opportunity and feel free to contact me for additional information and/or assistance. I am available on Thursday and Friday each week or a voice message can be left at any time.

Sue Pollard, on behalf of Linda Quarrier
Careers Teacher

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CHAPLAIN’S CHATTER

Apparently there are many things in Australia to be terrified of. I don’t mean your good old Aussie garden variety snake or drop bear; I’m talking about big stuff, stuff like terrorism, war, crime, climate change, people on boats, unemployment, zombie apocalypse... the list could go on. In an election year these things seem to get a lot scarier. Why is this? I reckon I may have an answer in the form of mathematical equation:

(Fear mongering by whatever political party) + (*insert empty 3-word promise to restore security and calm*) = Votes

I was thinking about this and came across a quote from Dorothy Day. Ms Day was a bit of a trouble maker who was arrested numerous times for such atrocities as trying to help and feed the poor (yep!).

Anyway, this helped put things into a bit more perspective for me. It may resonate with you too. Here it is:

“Security! Security! All we hear these days is concerns about security! Young people want to do great things with their lives, but how will they do them if all they think about is security? Look at the birds of the air, the lilies of the field. Worry not about the morrow.”

-Dorothy Day

Carl Rusbridge
College Chaplain

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Students, their parents and guardians are reminded that Work Experience arrangements should be well under way. The dates are 20th – 24th June or 4th – 8th July, 2016.

All students should have a yellow ‘Work Experience Arrangement’ form which MUST be filled out and signed by the employer, the parent/guardian, the student and the College Principal in order for the experience to take place.

The Safe@work General Module MUST also be completed online and submitted to the Pathways Office before Work Experience can be undertaken.

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PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

KAREN NOTICE

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Country Bus Travellers 2016

Safety Concerns & Danger Alerts

Rules to define safe bus travel – Responsibilities of schools and students.

1. **Waiting at Bus coordination points:**
   A. TFSC Coordination point: Security guards are in place. Remain on Tom Flood side of barriers. Do not stand in front of vehicles.
   B. Curtain Street Coordination Point: Stand behind the barriers till the bus has pulled in. Do not stand/sit on area between the fences and gutter. Do not run in between the buses to cross the road.
   C. Crusoe College Coordination point: Stay at least a metre from roadway and approaching vehicles, wait till vehicles have stopped.
   D. At all coordination points: Do not cross roads from behind a bus, or between buses, this is a dangerous practice that could cause accidents.

2. **Boarding**
   A. Line up single file against fence. Follow teacher’s instructions.
   B. Stand back and wait still till bus stops.
   C. Courtesy, unselfishness, patience. No rushing at doors.

3. **On-board Bus**
   A. Stay seated, facing the front.
   B. No distractions eg. Throwing items, (or food), yelling, using, inappropriate language. No bus games that involve, badgering, aggravating, fighting, especially, games involving role play. (For example punch lotto and cornering). Please do not damage, trash or deface the bus.

4. **Alighting from Bus**
   A. Watch when alighting from the bus for traffic (especially if crossing a road).

**General Bus safety**

Please be aware, for safety reasons, all students are required to keep a distance from oncoming vehicles. Under no circumstances should children stand in front of buses. Students are not to stand in a way that impedes movement and flow, of vehicles in and out of coordination points. No running across roads between buses. You have school crossing areas for safety reasons please use them.

**Representation**

Your school uniform defines you as both as student and the school you attend. Please be aware, inappropriate language, also has an impact on other students, particularly younger students.

**Responsibilities**

1. You must produce your ID card with the CBT sticker on it, to board the bus when asked.
2. You are only permitted to travel on the bus you have been approved for travel on.
3. Temporary Bus Travel – You must bring a note to school – General office - to apply for travel on any country bus, at least 24 hours before travelling. The Bendigo Bus Co-ordinator buscoord@bse.vic.gov.au must give the ok in writing before travel can occur. Permission is only given if there is seating capacity.
4. Leadership - Country Bus Captains. We are seeking to promote a system of bus leadership, to ensure safe travel.

**Experienced student bus travellers, have a responsibility, to look after less experienced travellers & safety issues.**
SAVE THE DATE
Victorian NAIDOC
Football & Netball Carnival
15th – 16th October 2016 at the Epsom Huntly Reserve, Bendigo

Hosted by
Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative And
Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation
For more information
email or call
carnival@bdac.com.au
Ph: 54542719
BDAC NAIDOC Dinner

Friday 15th July 2016

Please celebrate an evening with us for dinner, entertainment and presentation of the 2016 Bendigo NAIDOC Awards.

From 6:00pm until late...

All Seasons Quality Resort
171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo

Individual tickets and table bookings of 10 persons are available

Ticket cost is $80.00 per person

Please provide the names of table attendees at the time of booking

A tax invoice is available on request

Please note that this is an 18+ year event

Tickets are not available on the night. Attendance must be registered and ticket bookings pre-paid prior to Friday 8th July 2016 by contacting Libby Chapman at BDAC on 5454 2720 or via email libby.chapman@bdac.com.au.
BENDIGO SPIRIT
2016/2017 MEMBERSHIPS

WHY BECOME A BENDIGO SPIRIT MEMBER?
Becoming a member of the Bendigo Spirit is the perfect way to show your passion and support for your local hometown champions. You will also receive complimentary entry to all regular season home games, priority access to home finals, a weekly newsletter and invitations to Bendigo Spirit member events.

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TO SIGN UP TODAY!
Please visit the link below to sign up today for your 2016/2017 Bendigo Spirit Membership and save with last season’s prices.

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2016/2017 MEMBERSHIPS AT LAST SEASON’S PRICES

$100 Adult

$75 Concession

$50 Child

$225 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)

$50 Extra For Guaranteed Seating